MINUTES

OF

NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUES

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The 30th annual session of the State League Convention met at Saint Mary F. W. B. Church May 3-5, 1957.

Keynote: "For Him--My All"

Scripture: "Who them is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?"
I Chronicles 29:5b

Song: "All For Jesus"

Friday Evening, May 3

The President appointed the folling committees:

Digest Committee:	Miss Leah McGlohon
	Mrs. H. L. Spivey
	Mrs. Nadyne Scott
Nominating Comm.	Rev. Robert L. Edwards
Resolution Comm.	Rev. Paul Lee, Chairman
	Mrs. Samual Jonnson
	Mrs. Joe Haas

Saturday Morning May 4

Report of the executive meeting was accepted by motion.

Report of Treasurer:

Balance at close of Convention May 1956...	$165.23
Amount received during the year	108.37
Total received for Cragmont	59.00
total	272.60

Disbursements

2/5/57 Cragmont Assembly	$15.00
2/11/57 Rev. Henry Melvin	50.00
3/21/57 Telephone Call	2.25
5/3/57 Traveling espenses, R. L. Edwards .	10.00
total .	77. 25
Leaving a Balance of . . . . . ,	195.35

By motion the treasurers report was accepted.

Report of Digest Committee:

No. Leagues Reporting	40
Average No. on Roll	1066
Average Attendance per week	779
Average No. on time	634
Average No. Studied program	427
Average No. Daily Bible Readers	374
Average No. on program	562

Average no. Attending Chruch 735
Average no. making offering 587

Amount raised for home missions . . , $104.07
Amount raised for foreign missions . . 595.27
Amount raised for Christian Education . 154.10
Amount raised for other purposes . . . 847.70
Am't of 10% of weekly off's sent Nat'l secretary 128.90
Amount of 10% weekly offerings sent state Secretary 13.87
Contribution enclosed for this Convention 157.75
No. new members during year 140

Awards:
Primary . . . . . Hull Road
Junior . . . . . Spring Branch
Intermediate . , . . . Sound Side
Senior . . . . . Sound Side
Adult . . . . . Ruth's Chapel

Submitted by:
Miss Leah McGlohon
Mrs. H. L. Spivey
Mrs. Nadyne Scott

By Motion the Digest reporrt was accepted.

Report of Resoluting Committee:

1. Be it resolved that definite action be taken to encourage the Leagues to send a quarterly report and 10% of the weekly offerings to the National League Board.

2. Be it resolved that the State League Convention acknowledge our sincere appreciation to the Free Will Baptist Press, for the splendid advertisement of the Convention.

3. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church and the surrounding churches that have so capably assisted them inproviding entertainment for this 1957 State League Convention.

Submitted By:
Rev. Paul Lee
Mrs. Samual Johnson
Mrs. Joe Haas

By motion the report of the Resolution Committee was accepted.

By motion that the Convention pay the room and board of the winner of the Intermediate sword drill during League week.

By motion the morning business sessionwas adjourned.

Saturday Afternoon May 4

The minutes of the morning business were approved.

By motion to accept the Cragmont report. (see report)

By motion the report of the 1956 National League Convention was accepted. The report was given by Rev. Henry Melvin.

By motion that the report on expenses of this Convention be accepted and that Rev. Henry Melvin be reimbursed of $12.10 above the allocated $50.00.

Report of Nominating Committee:

President	Rev. C. H. Overman
Vice-President	Rev. Herbert Waid
Sword Drill Leader	Miss Leah McGlohon
Recording Secretary	James E. Davidson
Corresponding Sec.	Rev. Henry Melvin
Treasurer	Rev. Adam Scott
Cragmont Representative	Rev. Robert Crawford

By motion the report was accepted.

By motion we adjourned the afternoon business session.

Rev. Dan Merkh, pres.

C. H. Overman Rec. Sec.

Minutes of the Executive Board of the
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The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist League Convention met at the Reedy Branch Church, Winterville, N. C. on June 22, 1957. Those in attendance were: Rev. C. H. Overman, President; James E. Davidson, Recording Secretary; Rev. Henry Melvin, Corresponding Secretary; Rev. Adam Scott, Treasurer; and Miss Lea McGlohon, Sword Dri ll Leader. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Henry Melvin.

By motion duly sustained, the 1958 State Convention will be held May 2 and 3-Friday night, Saturday, and Saturday night.

By common consent it was agreed to allow Bro. Melvin to select a theme for the convention and to prepare the program.

By motion duly sustained it was agreed that we ask the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville to host the Convention this year.

By motion duly sustained, appropriations were made for Rev. Henry Melvin to have appropriate stationery printed for the State League Convention.

By motion duly sustained, Rev. Henry Melvin was to be allowed to send out a second newsletter during the year for the purpose of promotional work.

By motion duly sustained, Rev. C. H. Overman was appointed as Director of the Free Will Baptist League Youth Camp at Cragmont for 1958 with Rev. Adam Scott as assistant.

By motion duly sustained, twenty-five dollars ($25) was to be appropriated for corresponding secretary expenses.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer.

Rev. C. H. Overman, President

James E. Davidson, Recording Secretary

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The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist League Convention met on Saturday, April 5, 1958, at 3:00 p. m. at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden. Those in attendance were: Rev. C. H. Overman, President; Rev. Herbert Wade, Vice-President; James E. Davidson, Recording Secretary; Rev. Henry Melvin, Corresponding Secretary; Rev. Adam Scott, Treasurer; and Miss Leah McGlohon, Sword Drill Leader. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Adam Scott.

Attention was called to the fact that the committee members had been notified by mail that the Greenville Church had declined to accept the convention and that the church in Wilson had extended an invitation to meet with them.

Rev. Henry Melvin reported that there was sufficient of amount, both of registration cards and name tags for the convention this year.

The theme for the convention as called to the attention of the committee: "Let Go-Let God." Place-Wilson Church. The program was discussed and from a suggestion by Rev. Herbert Wade, by common consent it was agreed to move the time on Saturday evening from 7:30 to 7:00.

By motion duly sustained, the means of awards is to be by appropriate certificates.

By motion duly sustained, the authority for preparation of certificates as to the wording, paper, ink etc. was left to the descretion of Miss Leah McGlohon and Rev. C. H. Overman.

By motion duly sustained, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Rev. C. H. Overman, President

James E. Davidson, Recording Secretary

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The 1958 session of the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist League Convention convened with the Wilson Church, Wilson, North Carolina, on Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3, 1958.

Friday night (May 2)

The business session of the convention opened with the Rev. C. H. Overman, president, presiding. The only matter on the agenda was the appointment of the committees, and they were as follows:

Digest Committee: Rev. Norman Adams, Chairman
Rev. Walter Sutton
Alton Cowan

Nominating Committee: Rev. Larue Davis
Miss Nelda Bostwell
Rev. Walter Reynolds

Resolutions Committee: Rev. Bill Walker, Chairman
Miss Vivian Beaman
Mr. John Steward Craft

Saturday morning (May 3)

The morning session was opened with the reading of the minutes of the Executive Committee of both sessions and the last twenty minutes of Saturday's session, 1957. There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

The Rev. Adam Scott, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report

League Balance, May 1957 . . . . . $220.14

	Bus Fare	Crapmont	Regular Treasury
Taken in Month of May		$60.00	$37.28
Taken in Month of June	$52.50	33.35	6.75
Taken in Month of July			8.90
Taken in Month of August			8.35
Taken in Month of September		3.00	11.49
Taken in Month of November		5.00	24.83
Taken in Month of Dec. & Jan.			30.15
Taken in Month of February			25.40
Totals	$52.50	$101.25	$154.09

Taken in . . . $308.84
Balance . . . 220.14
$1,028.98

Disbursements:

Cragmont	$101.25
Sword Drill Winner	15.00
Room & Board & fee for Teachers at Cragmont . . .	54.00
Religious film	10.25
Charter bus to Cragmont . .	385.00
Trips around Cragmont . . .	113.30
Telephone Calls	4.02
Letterheads & Envelopes . .	22.50
Postage, stencil & Paper .	14.54
Advertising	25.00
Traveling expenses	53.59
	$ 788.45

Taken in	$1,028.58
Paid out	788.45
	$240.13

Balance as of April 30, 1958 . . . . . $240.13

There being no further business, the morning session was adjourned.

Saturday afternoon (May 3)

The afternoon business session opened with the report of the Nominating Committee, which was as follows:

President--Rev. Henry VanHuyse
Vice-President--Rev. Gene Outland
Recording Secretary--Alton Cowan
Corresponding Secretary--Lean McClouon
Treasurer--Rev. Adam Scott
Sword Drill Leader--Shirley Graves
Cragmont Stock Leader
Rev. James Evans--1962
Rev. Billy Walker--1959

By motion duly sustained, this report was accepted and the aforementioned persons elected.

The Resolutions Committee report was given, and by motion duly sustained, it was accepted.

The report of the Digest Committee was read, and by motion duly sustained, it too was accepted.

The following Leagues were given awards:

Story Hour--Davis Church
Junior--Stacy and Spring Branch Churches
Intermediate--Stacy Church
Senior--Beaufort Church
Adult--Stacy Church

There being no further business, the afternoon session was adjourned.

Rev. C. H. Overman, President

James L. Davidson, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Executive Board of the
North Carolina State Free Will Baptist League Convention

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist League Convention met at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, North Carolina, on June 27, 1958. Attending were: Rev. Henry VanKluyve, President; Rev. Gene Outland, Vice-President; Rev. Adam Scott, Treasurer; Miss Leah McGlohon, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Shirley Graves, Sword Drill Leader; and Alton Cowan, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was opened by prayer by the president. The chief object of the meeting was to begin work and to make tentative plans for the 1959 Convention, which the Edgemont Church in Durham is to host.

Miss Shirley Graves was authorized to write Rev. Ray Turnage, inquiring about the introduction of a manual of information for North Carolina Leagues.

Rev. Henry VanKluyve was authorized to contact Rev. Frank Sells and find whether or not he could speak to the convention on Friday night and Saturday.

Rev. Henry Melvin agreed to take charge of singing.

The following four motions were made and carried:

1. To conduct workshops at the convention, instead of the Brainstorming Session.

2. The election of Rev. Adam Scott as Director of League week at Cragmont, with Rev. Gene Outland as his assistant.

3. The allocation of funds in the amount of $25 to the Corresponding Secretary for expenses.

4. The next meeting of the committee to be held at the same place on August 1, 1958, at 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer.

Rev. Henry VanKluyve, President

Alton Cowan, Recording Secretary

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The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist League Convention met at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, North Carolina, on August 1, 1958. Those present were: Rev. Henry VanKluyve, President; Rev. Gene Outland, Vice-President; Rev. Adam Scott, Treasurer; Miss Leah McClohon, Corresponding Secretary; and Alton Cowan, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Gene Outland. The program was discussed, and certain phases of it were decided upon, tentatively.

The president was authorized to form a complete tentative program.

By motion duly sustained, it was decided that Rev. Ray Turnage should be invited to participate in the convention by conducting one of the workshop groups.

Attention was called to the fact that the manual of information for North Carolina Leagues was not yet complete.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Rev. Henry VanKluyve, President

Alton Cowan, Recording Secretary

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In conjunction with Executive Committees of all the various departments of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists, the Executive Committee of the League met on November 20, 1958, at Mount Olive Junior College for the purpose of discussing and recommending future plans for Cragmont Assembly.

The following recommendations were made:

We, the Executive Committee of the State League Convention, hereby recommend the following to the Cragmont Board of Directors:

1. That the problem of the recent purchase of the Royal League property made by the African Methodist Episcopal Church be eyed with concern at the present time, but that no definite steps be taken to move Cragmont from its present location.

2. That any discussion on the matter be channeled toward the expansion of Cragmont rather than toward the purchase of the camp by the colored brethren nearby.

3. That the Board of Directors of Cragmont continue with their present plans for expansion and improvement.

4. That future buildings be constructed in such a way as to make them not only practical but also attractive.

5. That the spiritual side of this problem be given first consideration and that, as God's children, we move only as He directs.

Respectively submitted,

Rev. Henry VanHuyve
Rev. Gene Outland
Miss Leah McGlohon
Miss Shirley Graves
Alton Cowan

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The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist League Convention met at the home of Rev. Adam Scott in Saratoga, North Carolina, on February 12, 1959. Attending were: Rev. Henry VanKluyve, President; Rev. Gene Outland, Vice-President; Rev. Adam Scott, Treasurer; Miss Shirley Graves, Sword Drill Leader; and Miss Leah McGlohon, Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. Gene Outland opened the meeting with prayer.

The group discussed the program, and the two following motions were made and carried:

1. That the theme of the program be "To Do--Equip" with the scripture Ecclesiastes 10:10.

2. That the Rev. Henry VanKluyve be in charge of the publicity.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer by Miss Shirley Graves.

Rev. Henry VanKluyve, President

Alton Cowan, Recording Secretary

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The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist League Convention met on Saturday, April 4, 1959, at the home of Rev. J. C. Griffin in Bridgeton, North Carolina. Those attending were: Rev. Henry VanKluyve, President; Rev. Adam Scott, Treasurer; Miss Leah McClohon, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Shirley Graves, Sword Drill Leader; and Alton Cowan, Recording Secretary. The meeting was opened with prayer.

The chief purpose of the meeting was to discuss, criticize, and make the final preparations for the convention program, in accordance with the way it had already been set up.

Attention was called to the fact that Rev. Ray Turnage would not be present at the convention and that Rev. Robert Picirilli would replace him in the workshop.

By motion duly sustained, it was decided to have the programs printed by the Free Will Baptist Press.

By motion duly sustained, it was agreed to have Rev. Raymond Riggs speak Saturday morning.

By motion duly sustained, it was decided to give honorariums to Rev. Frank Sells, Rev. Raymond Riggs, the Bible College Quartet, and the Mount Olive College Chorus.

Said Rev. Adam Scott was authorized to contact a Life Insurance Co. and write any policy deemed necessary for the Executive Committee.

By motion duly sustained, it was agreed to take two offerings during the convention, one on Friday night, and the other on Saturday morning. (Offerings to be used for League expenses, which is to be held at Mount Olive, Nov. 1959.)

Each member of the committee was urged to write a special article for the April 22 edition of the Free Will Baptist, and it was agreed to have several pictures of the chief participants on the convention program published in the paper.

The following recommendations were made:

(1) That the Executive Committee recommend that the State Convention to authorize travel expenses to be paid to each committee member for two meetings per year.

(2) That the Convention recommend each individual League to send $2 with their yearly report; that is, each Adult, Senior, Intermediate, Junior, and Story Hour League send $2 per League.

(3) That the Executive Committee urge all churches to keep up to date with their 10% dues of all League offerings and that they be sent to the State Treasurer, Rev. Adam Scott, Box 56, Saratoga, North Carolina.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer.

Rev. Henry VanKluyve, President

Alton Cowan, Recording Secretary

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North Carolina State Free Will Baptist League Convention

The 1959 session of the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist League Convention convened with the Edgemont Church, Durham, North Carolina, on Friday and Saturday, May 1-2, 1959. The keynote was "To Do--Equip", the scripture was Ecclesiastes 10:10, and the song was "Every Moment of Every Day".

Friday night (May 1)

The convention opened with congregational singing and choruses led by Rev. Henry Melvin. Miss Ruth Clark presented the devotions after which Rev. Ronald Creech welcomed the convention to Durham. The president, Rev. Henry VanKluyve, was introduced by Rev. Melvin; the president in turn introduced Rev. W. B. Raper, president of Mount Olive Junior College, who recognized the college chorus, which rendered several selections. Rev. L. C. Johnson, president of the Free Will Baptist Bible College then made several remarks about the progress of the Bible College. Other participants were the Bible College Quartet, who sang, and Rev. Frank Sells, who delivered the evening message.

The only business on the agenda for Friday evening was the appointment of the committees, which were as follows:

Nominating Committee: Rev. T. O. Terry, Chairman
Miss Joyce Jones
Mr. Albert Proctor

Digest Committee: Rev. Herbert Bryan, Chairman
Mr. Douglas Elliott
Miss Patricia Grady

Resolutions Committee: Rev. Robert Crawford, Chairman
Miss Wanda Johnson
Miss Faye Hathaway

This session was concluded with the League Benediction.

Saturday Morning (May 2)

The morning session opened with congregational singing. Miss Ruth Clark again led in devotions, and the Belfriettes rendered special music. There was no business Saturday morning as this session was devoted chiefly to preparing for consecrated leadership, and service.

Highlights of the program were the workshops on leadership preparation, special music by the Bible College Quartet and Rev. Herman Hersey, previews of the Nationwide League Convention by Revs. Robert Crawford and Adam Scott, a preview of the Cragmont League Week by Rev. Adam Scott, and the very inspiring morning message by Rev. Raymond Riggs.

The morning session was adjourned with prayer.

Saturday afternoon (May 2)

This session opened also with congregational singing. A short testimonial period was held during which several persons told what the League meant to them. After this an informal discussion was held which was called "Summing it Up". Again the Bible College Quartet rendered several impressive numbers.

Business section

The business session was opened with the reading of the minutes of the Executive Committee and the minutes of the State Convention of 1958. There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

Rev. Gene Outland awarded certificates to the following Leagues:

Story Hour--Davis Church
Junior--Sarecta Church
Intermediate--Soundside Church
Senior--Soundside Church
Adult--Soundside Church.

The following reports were given:

DIGEST COMMITTEE

Number of Leagues represented:

Adult	26
Senior	11
Intermediate . .	21
Juniors	21
Story Hour . . .	12
Combined leagues .	10
Total . .	101

Number of churches represented	38
Number of conferences represented	6
One District Convention represented	

Number on Roll	1733	
Average Attendance per Week	1297	
Average Number on Time	923	
Average Number Studied Program	694	
Average Daily Bible Readers	645	
Average Number on Program	863	
Average Number Attending Church	958	
Average Number Making Offerings	812	
Amount Raised for Home Missions		$151.62
Amount Raised for Foreign Missions		366.93
Amount Raised for Christian Education		263.08
Amount Raised for Children's Home		65.20
Amount Raised for Superannuation		105.36
Amount Raised for All Other Purposes		523.12
Amount of 10% of weekly offerings sent Nat'l Sec.		102.18
Amount of 10% of weekly offerings sent State Treas.		83.94
Amount enclosed for Cragmont Assemby		81.50
Contribution enclosed for this Convention		187.00
Number New Members During Year		505

(Certificates--above)

By Committee; Herbert Bryan, Douglas Elliott, Patricia Brady

TREASURER'S REPORT
(Given by Rev. Adam Scott)

Balance as of April 30, 1958	$ 240.13
Received at 1958 Convention	178.25
Received at 1958 Convention for Cragmont	123.86
Received at 1958 Convention for Bible College	43.25
Money received since last convention	1,615.36
Total receipts	$ 2,200.85

(Money received since last convention)

King's Cross Roads Church	$11.20	Grifton Church	11.20
Ruth's Chapel Church	28.00	Saratoga Church	7.13
Folkstone Church	2.00	Rocky Mount Church	1.66
Grace Church	21.22	Union Grove Church	2.80
Whaley's Chapel Church	22.52	District League Conventions	28.41
Hull Road Church	6.00	Lee Whaley close out old account	.61
Tarboro Church	1.55	Received from Children going to Cragmont	1,433.00
Enfield League	15.59	Total	$ 1,615.36
Dawson Grove Church	3.92		
Sarecta Church	18.55		

(Disbursements)

Bible College	$ 43.25	
Bible College Quartet	20.00	
Belfriette Quartet	5.00	
Miss Barnard	25.00	
Mount Olive College	25.00	
College Kitchen	50.00	
Cragmont	123.86	
Envelopes, note books, etc.	10.61	
Mailing expenses for Corresponding Secretary	25.00	
Expenses for League Encampment at Cragmont	1,573.50	
Total disbursements	$ 1,901.22	$2,200.85
		1,901.22
Balance as of April 30, 1959		$ 299.63

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Resolutions Committee, recommend that this body give a rising vote of thanks to the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church and its pastor, along with the Free Will Baptist Churches and pastors of Durham, for their kindnesses in entertaining this session of the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist League Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. R. B. Crawford
Wanda Johnson
Faye Hathaway

By motions duly sustained, each of these reports were adopted.

The last business was the election of officers for the coming year. The Nominating Committee gave its report, which was as follows:

President--Rev. Henry VanKluyve
Vice-President--Rev. Gene Outland
Recording Secretary--Alton Cowan
Corresponding Secretary--Miss Leah McGlohon
Treasurer--Rev. Adam Scott
Sword Drill Leader--Joy Rice
Cragmont Stock Leader--Rev. Billy Walker--1963

By motion this report was adopted and aforementioned persons elected.

The afternoon session adjourned with prayer.

Saturday night (May 2)

The last session of the 1959 convention began with the singing of choruses, but it was highlighted by the Intermediate Sword Drill and the final message, delivered by Rev. Sells. Miss Hope Morris was declared winner in the Sword Drill contest; Miss Vicki Proctor was a close second.

Everyone having enjoyed a wonderful convention and there being no further business, the convention was adjourned with the League Benediction.

Rev. Henry VanKluyve, President

Alton Cowan, Corresponding Secretary

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The meeting was opened with prayer.

The objective of the meeting was to begin making plans for the 1960 State League Convention, to be held at the Greenville First Church, Greenville, North Carolina, on April 29-30, 1960.

Rev. Henry VanKluyve and Miss Leah McGlohon were authorized to contact various personalities to see if they could participate in and fill various positions on the convention program.

The following motions were made and carried unanimously:

1. The election of Rev. Adam Scott as Director of League Week at Cragmont.

2. The election of Rev. Herbert Bryan as Assistant Director of League Week at Cragmont.

3. The allocation offunds in the amount of $25 to the Corresponding Secretary for expenses.

4. The next meeting of the committee to be held at the same place on January 16, 1960.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Joy Rice.

Rev. Henry VanKluyve, President

Alton Cowan, Corresponding
Secretary

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The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist League Convention met at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden on January 16, 1960. All the members were present: Rev. Henry VanKluyve, Rev. Gene Outland, Rev. Adam Scott, Miss Leah McGlohon, Miss Joy Rice, and Alton Cowan.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

The program was discussed, further plans were made, and more positions on the program were filled. The theme "Trained--We Go" and the scripture Psalm 126:6 were definitely decided upon. Discussed also were the problems of promotional work in the leagues and the addition of an award for the best all-around league.

By motion duly sustained, Rev. Henry Vankluyve was made Promotional Director.

By motion duly sustained, it was decided to meet at the same place on February 20, 1960.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Alton Cowan.

Rev. Henry VanKluyve, President

Alton Cowan, Corresponding
Secretary

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The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist League Convention met at the Free Will Baptist Press on February 20, 1960. Those present were Rev. Henry Van Kluyve, President; Rev. Gene Outland, Vice-President; Rev. Adam Scott, Treasurer; Miss Leah McGlohon, Corresponding Secretary; and Miss Joy Rice, Sword Drill Leader.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Gene Outland.

The chief purpose of the meeting was to make final plans for the 1960 convention. It was learned that there had been no response from John Noble, and it was agreed upon to contact Ray Turnage to see if he could be with us during the entire convention. Also, it was agreed that anyone having a problem in their leagues should bring the question before the convention during the program part called "What's Your Problem?", but that the questions should be in written form.

By motion it was agreed to contact Rev. Wayne Smith to see if he could participate in the program on Friday night.

Publicity for the convention was discussed, and by common consent it was decided to have a League issue of the Free Will Baptist by April 8.

By motion duly sustained, it was agreed to adjourn-with prayer by Rev. Adam Scott.

Rev. Henry Van Kluyve, President

Alton Cowan, Corresponding Secretary

that any questions used on the program part
"What's Your Problem" should be in written form

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The 1960 session of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist State League Convention convened with the Greenville Church, Greenville, North Carolina, on Friday and Saturday, April 29-30, 1960. The keynote was "Trained -- We Go," the scripture was Psalms 126:6, and the song was "Lord Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart."

Friday Night (April 29)

The convention was opened with congregational singing. After Ralph Lowrimore presented the devotions, Rev. R. B. Crawford and Helen Everton welcomed the convention to Greenville. The president, Rev. Henry VanKleyn was introduced; he immediately appointed the following committees:

Nominating Committee: Rev. C. H. Overman, Chairman
Charles Hardee
Hope Morris

Resolutions Committee: Reskie Kennedy, Chairman
Carolyn Stevens
James T. Lewis

Digest Committee: Bobby Adcock, Chairman
Betty Crawford
Lean McGlohon

Other feature of the evening were the Mount Olive Junior College Chorus and the sermon by the Rev. J. Wilbert Everton, Superintendent of the Children's Home. This session was adjourned with the League Benediction.

Saturday morning (April 30)

The morning session again opened with congregational singing. Mr. Fred Hair led in devotions, after which Dr. LaVerne D. Miley presented a very inspiring message.

There was no business during this session, but other highlight of the program were the message by Rev. Bobby Jackson and the informal discussion, "What's Your Problem?", led by Rev. Henry Melvin.

Saturday afternoon (April 30)

Opened by congregational singing, this session of the convention was devoted chiefly to an informal discussion, "Some Practical Suggestions," led by Rev. Clarence Bowen and a business meeting.

The business meeting opened with the reading of the minutes of the Executive Committee and the minutes of the State Convention of 1959. There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

Rev. Henry VanKleeyee awarded certificates to the following Leagues:

Adult - Sarasota Adult Women
Senior - Malachi's Chapel
Intermediate - Hickory Chapel
Junior - Hickory Chapel
Story Hour - Malachi's Chapel

The following reports were given:

Digest Committee

Number of Leagues Represented		Number on Roll	Average Attendance
Adult	23	323	261
Senior	14	160	145
Intermediate	18	191	137
Junior	17	171	129
Story Hour	13	121	86
Primary	1	22	14
Combined Leagues	12	642	450
Totals	99	1830	1197

Number of churches represented - 36
Number of conferences represented - 6
One District Convention represented

Number on Roll	1630
Average Attendance Per Week	1197
Average Number on Time	902
Average Number Studied Program	647
Average Number Daily Bible Readers	535
Average Number on Program	851
Average Number Attending Church	918
Average Number Making Offering	887

Amount Raised for Home Missions	$ 143.63
Amount Raised for Foreign Missions	781.49
Amount Raised for Christian Education	302.38
Amount Raised for Children's Home	85.75
Amount Raised for Superannuation	23.87
Amount Raised for all Other Purposes	1,927.24
Amount of 10% of weekly offerings sent Nat'l. Ld.	181.53
Amount of 10% of weekly offerings sent State Treas.	57.49
Amount enclosed for Cragmont Assembly	34.00
Contribution enclosed for this Convention	166.25
Number New Members During Year	518

By Committee: Bettye Crawford
Leah McSloken
Alton Cowen (proxy)

Treasurer's Report

(Given by Rev. Adam Scott)

Balance as of April 30, 1959	299.63
Received at 1959 Convention	279.01
Received at Convention for Cragmont	107.50
Money received since last convention	1,425.92
Total Receipts	2,112.06

(Money received since last convention)

Mount Olive Leagues	2.00	Rocky Mount Church	2.19
Dawson Grove	14.05	First Church, Tarboro	2.96
King's Cross Roads	11.93	Saratoga Church	2.75
Rock's Chapel	16.78	Women's Auxiliary Convention for Essay Prizes	10.00
District League Convention	6.99	Children going to Cragmont	1,313.00
Lancaster Leagues	29.30	TOTAL	1,475.97
Whaley's Chapel	14.37		

(Disbursements)

Rev. Raymond Riggs	50.00
Rev. Frank Sells	75.00
Mount Olive Junior College	75.00
Bible College, Nashville	75.00
Cragmont Assembly	107.50
State Sword Drill Winner	90.00
Tel. Call and reg. fee for sword drill winner	5.50
Traveling expenses to meeting	29.50
Programs State Meeting	14.50
Bus fare to Cragmont	338.00
Encampment at Cragmont	1,165.35
Secretarial Supplies	25.00
Notebook, calls, postage, and miscellaneous	25.48
Total	2,075.83

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Balance as of April 30, 1960

Resolutions Committee

We, the Resolutions Committee, submit the following resolution:

> Resolved, that this convention give the Greenville Free Will Baptist Church and others of this area a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality and the fine way they have entertained us in the 1960 session.

Submitted: Booker Kennedy
James T. Lewis

By motions duly sustained, each of these reports was adopted.

The last business of the meeting was the election of officers for the coming year. The Nominating Committee gave the following report:

President - Rev. Henry VanKleuyne
Vice-President - Rev. Gene Outlook
Recording Secretary - Alton Cowan
Treasurer - Rev. Adeen Scott
Corresponding Secretary Miss Leah McGlothan
Sword Drill Leader. Miss Hilda Owens
Cragmont Stock Leader. Rev. R. B. Crawford
To replace Billy Walker on Cragmont Stock - Jimmy Spain

Submitted: C. H. Overman
Charles Harden
Hope Morris

By motion duly sustained, it was decided to vote on the officers one by one. Each separate motion for each officer being duly sustained, all the above officers were elected.

This session adjourned with prayer.

Saturday night (April 2c)

The last session of the 1960 convention began with the singing of choruses. The highlights of this final session were the Intermediate Sword Drill and the inspiring message, "We Return With Souls," by Dr. LaVerne Riley. Miss Hope Morris and Mr. Clyton Ralph Mills were first and second place winners, respectively, in the Sword Drill.

Everyone having enjoyed a wonderful convention and there being no further business, the convention was adjourned with the League Benediction.

Rev. Henry VanKleuyne, President
Alton Cowan, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Executive Board
of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist State League Convention

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist State League Convention met on Saturday, December 30, 1960, at the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina. Those attending were Miss Leah McGlohon, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Hilda Owens, Sword Drill Leader; Rev. Adam Scott, Treasurer; and Alton Cowan, Recording Secretary.

The purpose of the meeting was to make tentative plans for the 1961 State League Convention; which was to meet in the Morehead City, North Carolina, Church.

Rev. Adam Scott opened the meeting with prayer. Following this certain phases of the program were decided upon, tentatively. It was definitely decided that this year's convention was to be centered around fellowship.

The three following motions were made and carried:

1) That Revs. Gene Outland and Herbert Bryan be Director and Assistant Director, respectively, of the 1961 League Week at Cragmont.

2) That $25 be allotted to the corresponding secretary for correspondence materials.

3) That the next meeting of the Executive Committee be on January 21, 1961, at 10:00 a.m. at the Free Will Baptist Press.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded with prayer.

Rev. Henry VanHuyse, President
Alton Cowan, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Executive Board of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist League State Convention

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist League State Convention met on Saturday, January 21, 1961, at the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina. Those present were Rev. Henry VanKleyne, President, Rev. Gene Ortland, Vice-President; Miss Leah McClelhon, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Hilda Owens, Sword Drill Leader; and Rev Adam Scott, Treasurer.

The meeting was opened with prayer, after which the final plans for the State League Convention were made. The keynote, "To Know Him," was definitely decided upon. Likewise, the scripture, Phillippians 3:10, and the song "If You Know The Lord," were selected. Other than this, various program personalities were discussed and chosen by the Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Rev. Henry VanKleyne, President
Alton Cowan, Recording Secretary

1961 Minutes

The 1961 Free Will Baptist League State Convention met with the Morehead City Free Will Baptist Church, Morehead City, North Carolina, on May 5 and 6, 1961. Keynote for the convention was "To Know Him"; the scripture, Philippians 3:10 and the song, "If You Know the Lord."

Friday night, May 5

The convention opened with congregational singing and choruses, followed by devotions by Wayne Neal. Rev. Selden Bullock welcomed the convention to his church and city. The chief business of the night was the appointment of committees, which were as follows:

Nominating: Rev. Chester Phillips, Chm.
Rev. R. B. Crawford
Clifton Styron

Digest: Hope Morris, Chm.
Phyllis Stratton
Bert Proctor

Resolutions: Ralph Lowrimore, Chm.
Herbert Bragan
Douglas Pelletier

Other features of the evening were special music by Ralph Lowrimore and the sermon "To Know Him Through Fellowship" by the Rev. Huey Long. The opening session adjourned with the League Benediction.

Saturday Morning, May 6

This session of the convention likewise opened with congregational singing and choruses. After devotions by leaguers from Malachi Chapel Church, Ray Turnage presented a challenging and inspiring talk, "It is Up to You." Further highlights were the welcoming speech by Morehead City's mayor and a preview of the Ninth Nationwide League Conference by Ray Turnage in addition to the sermon "To Know Him Through Fellowship with Others" by Rev. Wayne Smith.

Saturday afternoon, May 6

After the introductory congregational singing of choruses and the devotion led by Edna Whitington, Rev. Gene Outland presented a short sketch of Cragmont Week the coming summer. After this the main business session of the conference was entered into.

First, the Digest Report was given by Leah McGlohon:

Digest Report

The Digest Committee Committee submits the following report:

No. Leagues represented		No. on roll	Avg. Attendance
Adult	25	370	291
Senior	15	218	158
Intermediate	21	225	166
Junior	25	290	227
Story Hour	14	124	98
General (Continued)	11	498	380
Total	111	1,725	1,320

No. churches represented	38
No. conferences represented	6
No. district conventions represented	1

Certificates awarded to following leagues

Adult - Davis
Senior - St. Mary's, New Bern
Intermediate - Malachi's Chapel, New Bern
Junior - St. Mary's,
Story Hour - Beaufort

Average no. on roll	1,725
" attendance per week	1,320
" no. on time	1,128
" no. studied program	894
" Daily Bible Readers	679
" no. on Program	1,074
" " attending Church	1,128
" " Making Offering	1,137

Amount Raised for Home Missions	156.60
" " " Foreign "	459.63
" " " Christian Education	113.89
" " " Children's Home	44.03
" " " Superannuation	65.40
" " " all other Purposes	2,041.61
" of 10% 7 weekly Offerings sent Nat'l Secy.	139.82
" " " " " " " State Treas.	74.69
Amount enclosed for Cragmont Assembly	27.50
Contribution enclosed for this convention	177.50
New new members during year	594

By Committee -
Hope Morris
Bill Proctor

By motion made and carried the report was adopted.

Next, the Resolutions Committee give their report, and by motion duly sustained it was carried:

Resolutions Committee Report

1. Be it resolved that the 1961 convening of the Leagues of the State of North Carolina go on record as being determined in our hearts to promote our Leagues more in the coming year and in so doing exalt our blessed Savior. In so doing we recognize the importance of the League in the Kingdom's work of our Lord.

2. Be it resolved that the convention give the First Free Will Baptist Church and its pastor of Morehead City, along with the Churches of Carteret County, a rising vote of thanks for the care and hospitality shown during this convention.

Submitted by the comittee:
Ralph Lawrimore, Chairman
Rev. Herbert Bryan
Douglas Elliott

Following this report, the minutes of last years convention were read and by motion were carried. Rev. Adam Scott then gave the following Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of April 30, 1960	$ 36.73
Balance at 1960 Convention	150.00
Received at Convention for Crayons	33.00
Offering received	87.45
Money received since last Convention	1,095.61
Total Receipts	1,402.29

Money received

Kirby's Chapel Road	$ 11.74
Rose Hill League	2.50
Union Grove League	5.00
First Church, Rocky Mount	14.46
District League Convention	4.30 (Second Union, Central Capeum
Loretta League	6.53
Whaley's Chapel	16.35
Malachi's Chapel	19.78
Dawson Grove	4.73
Piney Grove	6.78
First Church, Bladenboro	25.00
Saratoga League	13.16
Encampment at Cragmont	966.78
	1,096.61

Disbursements

Dr. Laverne Riley	175.00
Leah McGlohon, Secretary	40.45
Mount Olive College	40.00
Cragmont Assembly	36.00
Prelec	54.50
Telephone	15.60
Postage	1.66
Room & Board at Cragmont	622.50
Bus	150.00
Ray Turnage	100.00
Traveling Expenses	100.78
Award Dell Bills	12.00
	1,298.49

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1,298.49
Leaving a balance on May 5, 1961, of → $103.80

By motion duly sustained, this report was adopted.

Leah McGlohon gave an inspiring report on the National League Project, and challenged the leagues to help meet the State's Quota. Several churches pledged on a $5, 3, and $2 basis. Moreover, a motion was made and carried that the State League

contribute $50 to "Expanding Our Horizons."
Succeeding this was the report of the Nominating
~~Reps~~ Committee, which was as follows:

President - Rev. Gene Outland
Vice-President - Rev. Herbert Bryan
Recording Secretary - Samuel Johnston
Corresponding Secretary - Hope Morris
Treasurer - Ralph Laurimore
Sword Drill Leader - Wilda Owens

By motion, each of these offices was taken
separately, and all were elected except Samuel
Johnson, as recording secretary, who withdrew. Leah
McGehee was elected in his stead. And by
motion made and carried Rev. Raymond
Jenkins was elected Cragmont Stick Leader.
This concluded the business session.

After the message "To Know Him Through
Social Activities" the convention adjourned and
met in Fort Macon State Park for a recreation
and sandwich supper.

Saturday Night, May 6

The concluding session was highlighted by
the Intermediate Sword Drill, won by Loretta
Midgett and the message "The Call to
Fellowship" by the Rev. Harold Hevens. Acclaimed
one of the best conventions ever, this 1961 session
adjourned with the League song and
benediction.

1962 MINUTES

The 1962 session of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist League State Convention met with St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina, on May 4 and 5, 1962. Keynote for the convention was "In Times Like These"; Scripture, Esther 4:14; and the song, "My Times Are in Thy Hands."

Friday Night (May 4)

The convention opened with congregational singing, followed by devotions by Miss Bert Proctor. Miss Proctor gave the reading, "The Cross of Christ," and then sang a solo, "The Christ of the Cross." Lester Hughes welcomed the convention to St. Mary's. Then the St. Mary's Youth Choir sang.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Nominating: Wayne West, the Reverend J. C. Griffin, and Mrs. Marvin Davis

Digest: Mrs. Lester Hughes, Bert Proctor, and Mrs. Thomas Langston

Resolution: Adrian Grubbs, Frank Harrison, and Loretta Midgette

Other features of the evening were a solo by Leah McClohon and the showing of a film, "In Times Like These." The opening session was adjourned with the League Benediction.

Saturday Morning (May 5)

The morning session opened with the singing of congregational singing. Dawson Grove leaguers conducted the devotions, which consisted of Scripture reading, prayer, a poem, and a quartet.

Three workshops--"In Times Like These, Missions," for Story Hour and junior leaguers, led by Miss Betty Pittman; "In Times Like These, Medical Missions," for intermediate leaguers, led by Mrs. Charles Sapp; and "In Times Like These, Build Better Programs," led by the Reverend C. F. Bowen--were held.

BUSINESS

Gene Cutland, president, presided over the business session. The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Digest Committee reported.

Digest Report:

No. Leagues Represented		No. on Roll	Average Attendance
Adult	11	140	106
Senior	9	78	57
Intermediate	9	78	66
Junior	9	84	64
Story Hour	8	85	67
General (Comb.)	6	303	238

Total	52	768	598

No. Churches represented 17
No. Conferences represented 4

Certificates awarded to following leagues:

Adult--Sarecta Adult Men
Senior--Hickory Chapel
Intermediate--Malachi's Chapel
Junior--Malachi's Chapel
Story Hour--Pleasant Acres

Average No. on Roll	768	
" Attendance per Week	598	
" No. on Time	462	
" No. Studied Program	340	
" No. Daily Bible Readers	294	
" No. on Program	426	
" No. Attending Church	472	
" No. Making Offering	439	
Amount Raised for Home Missions		$125.01
" " " Foreign Missions		147.36
" " " Christian Education		53.55
" " " Children's Home		20.02
" " " Superannuation		29.01
" " " All other Purposes		331.05
" of 10% of weekly offerings sent Nat'l Sec.		36.49
" " " " " " " State Treas.		25.01
" Enclosed for Cragmont Assembly		23.50
Contribution to This Convention		95.75
Number New Members During Year	135	

By Committee,
Mrs. Lester Hughes
Bert Proctor
Louise Langston

A motion was made and carried to accept the report as read.

Resolution Committee Report:

1. Whereas, St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church has graciously been host to this State League Convention; be it resolved that we give this church a rising vote of thanks for their kindness as host church, and other churches in this area that helped make this convention possible.

2. Whereas, the Free Will Baptist League originated among Original Free Will Baptists; and
Whereas, the Free Will Baptist Press has provided literature for use in Free Will Baptist Leagues through the years; and
Whereas, the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists has terminated its affiliation with the National Association of Free Will Baptists "until such time as the National Association in regular session or through its General Board expresses a desire to return to the spirit and stated principles upon which it was formed"; and
Whereas, it would be inconsistant for an auxiliary of a local

Original Free Will Baptist Church to work in opposition to the local church;
Therefore, be it resolved:

(1) That this North Carolina State League Convention recognize and support the action of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists;
(2) That we urge the leagues of this state to continue the use of Free Will Baptist literature and supplies provided by the Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden;
(3) That we direct our Executive Committee to seek an agreement with the Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden whereby a percentage of the income from sales of league literature may be made available to our convention for promotion of our work within the state;
(4) That we direct our Executive Committee to develop an effective promotional program among the leagues of this state.

By Committee,
Adrian Grubbs
Loretta Midgett
Frank Harrison, chairman

Each part of the resolutions report was adopted by motion.

Nominating Committee Report:

President, Clarence Bowen
Vice-President, Frank Ray Harrison
Recording Secretary, Leah McGlohon
Treasurer, Norman Ard
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Sheldon Howard
Sword Drill Leader, Hilda Owens
Representative of Cragmont, Henry Melvin

By Committee,
Mrs. Marvin Davis
J. C. Griffin
Wayne West, chairman

After the floor was opened for additional nominations, a motion was made and carried to elect by acclamation the officers recommended by the committee.

A motion was made and carried that we give a rising vote of thanks to the out-going officers.

Additional features of the morning program were a solo by Wayne West and a message on the topic "In Times Like These" by the Reverend C. F. Bowen, in which he talked about Communism and Democracy.

Saturday Afternoon (May 5)

The concluding session was highlighted by the Intermediate Sword Drill, won by Wanda Boswell. Second place winner was Freida Voliva.

In the absence of the treasurer an oral report of the funds received at the convention was given.

A motion was made and carried that the bill for rental of the film and telephone call made from St. Mary's church be paid out of cash received

at the convention.

Sponsoring a League Encampment at Cragmont was discussed. A motion was made and carried that we sponsor a League Encampment the fourth week in June. Wayne West was elected as director of the week.

Certificates were awarded to the leagues having the best reports (see Digest Report).

Linda and Billie Griffin sang "In Times Like These."

After a few remarks by the incoming president, the group sang "Onward Christian Leaguers" and adjourned with the League Benediction.

Gene Cutland, President
Leah McClohon, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
February 23, 1963

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist League State Convention met on Saturday, February 23, 1963, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson. Those present were C. F. Bowen; Norman Ard; Leah McGlohon; and David Cahoon, proxy for Frank Ray Harrison.

Mr. Bowen opened the meeting with prayer.

A motion was made and carried that Leah McGlohon fill the unexpired term of the Reverend Henry Melvin, who handed in his resignation, and the extra place (due to repetition in previous elections) until the convention convenes on the Cragmont Board.

It was decided that the 1963 session would meet at the First Church of Wilson.

A motion was made and carried that the corresponding secretary be authorized to draw from the treasury whatever is needed for publicity, programs, etc.

Problems were brought up that needed to be discussed at a later meeting.

The main purpose of the meeting was to plan the program for the 1963 convention. A program was planned around the theme "Enabling Grace." The Scripture selected was Philippians 4:13, and the song,"'Are Ye Able,' Said the Master." Leah McGlohon is to contact those to have parts on the program, and Hilda Howard is to be in charge of the publicity.

Norman Ard prayed the benediction.

C. F. Bowen, President
Leah McGlohon, Recording Secretary

Note: Since the committee failed to select someone to direct the League Encampment at Cragmont in June at the committee meeting, by common consent Norman Ard, with the help of the Rev. L. E. Ballard, will direct the week.

1963 MINUTES

The 1963 session of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist League State Convention met with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, on May 3 and 4, 1963. Keynote for the convention was "Enabling Grace"; Scripture, Philippians 4:13; and the song, "'Are Ye Able,' Said the Master."

Friday Night (May 3)

The convention opened with conregational singing, followed by devotions by Charles R. Lancaster. After the Scripture reading Charles and Ikie Hines sang a duet. Kedith Finch, general director of the First Church League, welcomed the convention and Norman Ard responded.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Nominating: Mrs. R. L. Beamon, Mrs. C. F. Bowen, and Hilda Owens.

Resolution: Bruce Dudley, Beverly Teasley, and Kenneth Dilda.

Finance: Norman Ard, Russ Becker, and Harry Grubbs.

Other features of the evening were a concert by the Mount Olive College Chorus and a message, "The Abounding Reign of Grace," by the Reverend J. Wlibert Everton.

An offering was received and was given to Mount Olive College for the expense of bringing the chorus to the convention.

The president recognized the Reverend E. C. Morris, who served as the first president of the League Convention.

The opening session was adjourned with the League Benediction.

Saturday Morning (May 4)

The morning session opened with congregational singing. The Reverend Bruce Dudley led in the opening prayer, after which devotions were conducted by Miss Karen Hancock of St. Mary's. After her Scripture reading and prayer by Miss Hilda Owens, she sang "Only Believe."

Four workshops on "Better Leaders and Programs" were held as follows: Adults and Seniors, led by Wayne West; Intermediates, led by Mrs. David W. Hansley; Juniors, led by Mrs. Wray Tomlinson; Story Hour, led by Mrs. Elizabeth Hill.

The ministers present were recognized. Then the Reverend Norman Ard made an announcement about the League Encampment at Cragmont and urged leaguers to attend.

The Cardinal Choir of the First Church sang "Standing in the Need of Prayer," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "If You Know the Lord."

The Reverend M. L. Johnson brought the convention message, "The Call of Enabling Grace."

Saturday Afternoon (May 4)

Congregational singing opened the final session of the convention. The Reverend Fred Rivenbark led the prayer.

The highlight of this session was the Intermediate Sword Drill, won by Wanda Boswell of Saratoga. Angia Owens of Aspen Grove won second place, and Johnny Beddard and Susan Baldree tied for third place.

BUSINESS

The Resolution Committee made the following report:

Resolution Report:

Resolution 1: Whereas there is a conflict between the meeting times of the North Carolina State League Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and both the May Day Program and the Annual Alumni Banquet of Mount Olive Junior College; be it therefore resolved that the meeting date of this Convention be changed to the first week in April.

Resolution 2: Whereas the hospitality of the host church has been graciously extended to this Convention; and whereas the officers and program personalities of this Convention have performed so well their various tasks; be it therefore resolved that we give to these a rising vote of thanks for their services.

Bruce Dudley, Chairman
Beverly Teasley
Kenneth Dilda

A motion was made and carried to receive the committee's report and to consider each resolution separately.

A motion was made and carried that Resolution No. 1 be tabled and a committee of five be appointed to study it and report at the next convention.

Mrs. Albert Proctor, Wayne West, Mrs. Hilda Howard, the Reverend L. E. Ballard, and James Cook were appointed to this committee.

Resolution No. 2 was adopted by motion.

Treasurer's Report:

May 5	Balance brought forward	$221.21	
	Received at Convention	103.85	
		$325.06	
	Received since convention	29.99	
	Total to account for		$355.05
Disbursements:			
May 24	Secretary's Expense (Hope M.)	$ 10.94	
	Herbert Bryan (travel)	24.70	
	Gene Outland (phone call)	4.50	
	F. W. B. Press for programs	20.60	
	Cragmont	5.00	
June 25	Winner of State Sword Drill	30.00	
July 10	Best all-around camper	5.00	

			$355.05
Feb. 23	Norman Ard (travel)	6.00	
	Mrs. Sheldon Howard (secretary's expense and advertisement)	25.00	
May 4	F. W. B. Press (programs)	23.70	
	Total Disbursements		155.44
Balance in treasury			$199.61

Norman Ard, Treasurer

A motion was made and carried to adopt the treasurer's report.

Finance Committee

May 5	Balance brought forward	$199.61	
	Received at Convention	343.04	
	Total to account for		$542.65
Disbursements:			
May 5	Norman Ard for League Encamp.	$100.00	
	Mount Olive College	75.00	
	Missions	25.00	
	Expense of two children from Children's Home at Cragmont	60.00	
	Cragmont	94.20	
	Wanda Boswell (State Sword Drill)	30.00	
	Runner-up of Sword Drill	15.00	
	Total Disbursements		399.20
Balance in treasury			$143.45

Norman Ard, Chairman
Russ Becker
Harry Grubbs

By motion the report of the Finance Committee was adopted.

A motion was made and carried to pay half the expense of the runner-up for the League Encampment at Cragmont. (It was incorporated in the Finance Committee report above.)

Digest Report:

No. Leagues Represented		No. on Roll	Average Attendance
Adult	6	85	62
Senior	4	45	35
Intermediate	5	67	50
Junior	5	51	38
Story Hour	3	28	21
General (comb.)	31	1,211	909
Total	54	1,487	1,115

No. Churches represented	40
No. Conferences represented	5
No. District Conventions represented	1

(Only six leagues reported individual leagues because the secretary did not understand that she was to send more than one report blank.)

Certificates were awarded to the following leagues:

Adult--Sound Side
Senior--St. Mary's
Intermediate--Sound Side
Junior--Sound Side
Story Hour--St. Mary's
General--Russell's Creek

Average No. on Roll	1,522	
" Attendance per Week	1,131	
" No. on Time	914	
" No. Studied Program	611	
" No. Daily Bible Readers	506	
" No. on Program	793	
" No. Attending Church	851	
" No. Making Offering	853	
Amount Raised for Missions		$394.92
" " for Christian Education		381.19
" " for Children's Home		67.50
" " for Superannuation		56.07
" " for all other purposes		1,116.79
" of 10% of weekly offerings sent State Treas.		21.83
" enclosed for Cragmont Assembly		94.20
Contribution to this Convention		189.00
Number New Members During Year	303	

Registered at this Convention:

Delegates	58
Ministers	30
Visitors	331
Total	419

By Committee,
Leah McGlohon
Hilda Howard
Lorena Moseley

The report was received by motion.

Certificates were awarded as given in the above report.

Nominating Committee Report:

President--Frank Harrison
Vice-President--Bruce Dudley
Recording Secretary--Leah McGlohon
Corresponding Secretary--Mrs. Hilda Howard
Treasurer--Norman Ard
Sword Drill Leader--Hilda Owens
Cragmont Representatives:
1964--Mrs. C. F. Bowen
1965--Ruth Cotton Clark
1966--Kedith Finch

By motion the report was received. The floor was opened for additional nominations. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report in its

entirety.

The rising vote of thanks was given to the host church and program personalities.

The meeting was adjourned with the League Benediction.

C. F. Bowen, President
Leah McGlohon, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
September 21, 1963

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist League State Convention met on Saturday, September 21, 1963, at the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina. Those present were Frank Harrison, Bruce Dudley, Leah McGlohon, Norman Ard, Mrs. Hilda Howard, and Hilda Owens.

Norman Ard opened the meeting with prayer.

A motion was made and carried to investigate Smithfield as a possible site for the convention next year.

A motion was made and carried that Frank and Bruce be authorized to send out a newsletter and that we discuss its merits at the next meeting of the executive committee.

A motion was made and carried that Norman Ard direct the League Encampment at Cragmont for 1964 and that Frank Harrison assist him.

A motion was made and carried that we have a Saturday night session.

A motion was made and carried that we write a letter to the Alumni Association of Mount Olive with a copy to the president that we are planning a Saturday night session for the 1964 meeting.

The committee adjourned to be reconvened on November 9, 1963.

Mrs. Hilda Howard prayed the benediction.

Frank Harrison, President
Leah McGlohon, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
November 9, 1963

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist League State Convention met on Saturday, November 9, 1963, at the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina. Those present were Frank Harrison, Bruce Dudley, Leah McGlohon, Norman Ard, Mrs. Hilda Howard, and Hilda Owens.

Bruce Dudley opened the meeting with prayer.

A motion was made and carried that we mimeograph the League News Bulletin quarterly until the State League Convention.

The president announced that he is available on second and fourth Sunday nights to organize leagues.

A motion was made and carried that Leah investigate the film "In His Steps" for use at the League Convention.

The corresponding secretary reported that Smithfield has agreed to be host for the next convention.

The meeting adjourned to be reconvened on December 30 at 10:00 a.m.

Leah McGlohon prayed the benediction.

Frank Harrison, President
Leah McGlohon, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
December 30, 1963

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist League State Convention met on Monday, December 30, 1963, at the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina. Those present were Frank Harrison, Bruce Dudley, Leah McGlohon, Norman Ard, Mrs. Hilda Howard, and Hilda Owens. The Reverend C. L. Patrick, president, and the Reverend C. H. Overman, secretary, from the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists met with us.

The Reverend Mr. Patrick opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the last executive meeting were read and approved.

A motion was made and carried that we meet with the executive committees of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the Sunday School Convention to study the resolution passed at the State Convention. January 25 at 9 a.m. was decided upon as a time to meet.

A motion was made and carried that the executive committee recommended to the Press that on the League Seven Point Record bland "Attending Preaching" be changed to "Attending Worship Service."

A motion was made and carried that Leah and Norman be delegated to draw up a report blank to be printed in the second quarter league quarterlies.

Plans were made for the program of the State League Convention. The keynote, Scripture, and song were adopted. (See program.)

Also, plans were made for each one to be responsible for promotional and program help materials to be published in the "Baptist" twice each month between now and convention time as follows: January, Frank; February, Hilda and Norman; March, Leah and Hilda Howard; April, Bruce, and Frank and Leah.

Hilda Owens prayed the benediction.

Frank Harrison, President
Leah McGlohon, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
January 25, 1964

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist League State Convention met in joint session with the executive committees of the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the State Sunday School Convention on Saturday, January 25, 1964, at the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina. The Reverend Frank Ray Harrison called the meeting to order.

Those present were as follows:

League: Frank Harrison, Bruce Dudley, Norman Ard, Hilda Owens, and Leah McGlohon.
Woman's Auxiliary: Mrs. J. C. Moye, Mrs. C. F. Bowen, Mrs. Frank Walston, Mrs. Raymond Sasser, Mrs. Carl Dudley, Mrs. Mary Dunn, Mrs. Walter Carter, and Mrs. D. W. Hansley.
Sunday School: L. E. Ballard, Garland Teasley, D. W. Hansley.
Visitors: Walter Carter and David Charles Hansley.

The Reverend Walter Carter led the opening prayer.

After much discussion about the resolution referred to these organizations by the State Convention at its meeting in September 1963, a motion was made by the Reverend D. W. Hansley that the various bodies refer the matter back to the State Convention because it already has a motion for a promotional worker, and if and when they get one that we cooperate in the program.

The motion carried.

A motion was made by the Reverend Bruce Dudley that a study commission be appointed consisting of two members from the State Convention of Churches, the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, the State Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention, the State Free Will Baptist League Convention, and one member at large to study our denominational structure of North Carolina and make recommendations as to how our denominational structure can be more unified and improved.

The motion carried.

The Reverend Garland Teasley pronounced the benediction.

Frank Ray Harrison, President
Leah McGlohon, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
April 4, 1964

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist League State Convention met on Saturday, April 4, 1964, at the Free Will Baptist Press at 10 a.m. Those present were Frank Harrison, Bruce Dudley, Leah McGlohon, and Norman Ard.

The Reverend Bruce Dudley led the group in prayer.

Plans for the program and publicity for the State League Convention at Smithfield on May 1, 2 were completed.

The following recommendation to be presented to the convention was passed:

WHEREAS the Executive Committee has published three issues of a news bulletin during the past year, we recommend to the convention that the publication of this news bulletin be continued bimonthly, that leagues send in their 10% of weekly offerings to the state treasurer to take care of the expense incurred, and that the publication of such bulletin be the responsibility of the executive committee.

The Reverend Norman Ard prayed the benediction.

Frank Harrison, President
Leah McGlohon, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
May 1, 1964

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist League State Convention met at a dinner meeting in Smithfield preceding the convention on Friday, May 1, 1964, at 5:30 p.m. All members were present. The following recommendations to present to the convention were passed by motion:

1. That Norman Ard and Sheldon Howard represent the League Convention on the Study Commission to study the denominational structure of the State Convention of Churches if such a study commission is appointed.

2. That we adopt a project, "Chapel for Mount Olive," for the coming year and that we set a minimum goal of $1,000 to be given by the next convention.

Frank Harrison, President
Leah McGlohon, Recording Secretary

1964 MINUTES

The 1964 session of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist League State Convention met with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina, on May 1 and 2, 1964. The keynote for the convention was "Following Jesus"; Scripture, 1 Peter 2:21; and the song, "Each Step of the Way."

Friday Night (May 1)

The convention opened with congregational singing, followed by devotions by the Reverend Jerry Rowe of the Holly Springs Leagues. The Reverend Garland Teasley welcomed the convention to the First Church; Geraldine Johnson responded.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Digest: Mrs. Hilda Howard, Lorena Moseley, Martha G. Jenkins.

Nominating: The Reverend Garland Teasley, Linda Godwin, The Reverend Fred Rivenbark.

Finance: The Reverend Norman Ard, Russ Becker, W. Milton Wiggs.

Resolution: The Reverend Sheldon Howard, Harry Grubbs, Mrs. Albert Proctor.

Other features of the evening were special music by a youth ensemble from Calvary church, who sang "Why Should He Love Me So" and "Now the Day Is Over," and a message, "Following Jesus in Knowledge," by Mr. William D. Thigpen, principal of Beulaville Elementary School and member of Beulaville Free Will Baptist Church.

The opening session was adjourned with the League Benediction.

Saturday Morning (May 2)

The morning session opened with congregational singing. Miss Nadine Covick of East Rockingham Leagues conducted the devotional, with the Reverend Walter Carter leading the prayer.

The Powhatan Youth Choir, led by the Reverend Kemery Ard, sang "At Calvary," "In Times Like These," and "If You Know the Lord."

Following the recognition of the ministers present, the convention entered into business session. The minutes of the last convention were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Balance brought forward May 5, 1963		$199.61
Received at convention		343.04
Received since last convention		116.63
Total to account for		$659.28
Disbursements:		
Mount Olive College	$ 75.00	
Missions	25.00	

		$659.28
Expenses of two from Children's Home to Cragmont	$ 60.00	
Cragmont	94.20	
State Sword Drill Winner (Wanda Boswell)	30.00	
Runner-up (Angie Owens)	15.00	
Cragmont (League Conference)	55.00	
News Bulletin (stamps, paper, etc.)	31.08	
Total		385.28
Balance		$274.00

The treasurer's report was adopted by motion.

The minutes of January 25 were read. A motion was made and carried to approve the action of the executive committee as they met jointly with the executive committees of the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the State Sunday School Convention. The motion passed without a dissenting vote.

The minutes of the executive committee of April 4 were approved by motion. The recommendations of the executive committee of May 1 were adopted separately by motion.

Mrs. Albert Proctor, chairman of the committee appointed last year to study the resolution to change the date of our convention, gave the following report: (See Resolution 1 in 1963 Minutes.)

In light of the fact that the Alumni banquet at Mount Olive has been changed to another date we recommend that we continue to have our North Carolina League Convention on the first weekend in May.

The report was adopted by motion.

Resolution Committee Report

Resolution 1: Whereas the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist League Convention and its respective leagues are not fulfilling to the best of their capacity their function and purpose to our denomination, and

Whereas the organizational structure of the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist League Convention is in some measure cumbersome;

Be it resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to study every phase of the convention's organization and operation; and make recommendations to the Convention in its 1965 session as to how it can render a more efficient and effective service to its respective leagues and to our denomination. Signed Thomas Bruce Dudley.

Resolution 2: Whereas Smithfield church has been a most gracious host to the State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues; therefore, be it resolved that we express to them our thanks by a standing vote of this body.

Resolution 3: Whereas some of us are disturbed about the trend in Free Will Baptist churches of using music that is not of a worshipful nature; therefore, be it resolved that this convention recommend to the writers of the league literature that they include in next year's programs at least one program teaching good church music which glorifies God.

Sheldon Howard, Chairman
Harry Grubbs
Mrs. Albert Proctor

The above resolutions were adopted separately.

Digest Committee Report

No. Leagues Represented		No. on Roll	Average Attendance
Adult	22	271	199
Senior	12	87	64
Intermediate	14	122	81
Junior	16	144	109
Story Hour	13	115	96
General (comb.)	13	558	354
Total	90	1,297	903

No. churches represented	33
No. conferences represented	5
No. district conventions represented	1

Certificates to be awarded to the following leagues:

Adult--St. Mary's
Senior--St. Mary's
Intermediate--Sarecta
Junior--St. Mary's
Story Hour--Sarecta

Average No. on Roll	1,297	
" Attendance per Week	903	
" No. on Time	765	
" No. Studied Program	525	
" No. Daily Bible Readers	441	
" No. on Program	703	
" No. Attending Church	808	
" No. Making Offering	477	
Amount Raised for Missions		$334.69
" " for Christian Education		154.31
" " for Children's Home		170.25
" " for Superannuation		68.30
" " for All Other Purposes		1,143.84
" of 10% of weekly offerings sent State Treas.		76.37
" enclosed for Cragmont		56.50
Contribution to this Convention		158.50
Number New Members During Year	179	

Registered at this Convention:

Delegates	81
Visitors	214
Ministers	24
Total	319

By Committee,
Hilda Howard
Lorena Moseley
Martha Jenkins

A motion was made and carried to receive the report.

Finance Committee Report

Balance brought forward		$274.00
Received at Convention		259.23
Total to account for		$533.23
Disbursements:		
Children's Home	$ 25.00	
Mount Olive College	25.00	
Missions	25.00	
Expenses of two children from Children's Home at Cragmont	60.00	
Winner of Sword Drill	30.00	
Runner-up of Sword Drill	15.00	
Film	37.07	
Cragmont	56.50	
League Encampment	100.00	
Total		373.57
Balance		$159.76

By Committee,
Norman Ard
Russ Becker
W. Milton Wiggs

The report was adopted by motion.

A motion was made that we stop appropriating or allocating general funds to different denominational institutions or enterprises unless in the case of earmarked funds. Because it could not be ascertained whether this would require a constitutional change (the whereabouts of the constitution not being known), the motion was tabled by motion.

Leah McGlohon was elected to represent the League Convention at the Fellowship of Free Will Baptists to meet in Florida.

The business session ceased and a worship period followed. Danny and Bonnie Coates sang "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked," after which the Reverend Fred Rivenbark brought a message, "Following Jesus in Service."

Saturday Afternoon (May 2)

Congregational singing opened the afternoon session. The highlight of this session was the Intermediate Sword Drill, won by Landis Rose of Saratoga. Johnny Beddard of the Second Central District Convention won second place, and Harold Hill of Hull Road won third place.

Certificates were awarded the leagues as given in the report of the Digest Committee.

Nominating Committee Report

President--Frank Ray Harrison
Vice-president--Bruce Dudley
Recording Secretary--Leah McGlohon
Treasurer--Norman Ard
Corresponding Secretary--Mrs. Hilda Howard

Sword Drill Leader--Hilda Owens
Cragmont Representatives:
1965--Ruth Cotton Clark
1966--Kedith Finch
1967--Wayne West

By motion the report was received. The floor was opened for additional nominations, at which time the name of Wayne West was added as Cragmont Representative. The report was adopted in its entirety.

Hilda Owens made the following motion, which was seconded and carried:

Recognizing the value of the wisdom from experience and age and the value of the vitality and enthusiasm of youth and that the membership of our executive committee are on the whole young people, I move you, Mr. President, that we place on our executive committee as a member-at-large the Reverend Clarence Bowen who started our leagues and who probably knows more about them than any other person of our convention.

After the election of officers the Elm Grove leagues presented a playlet, "Following Jesus in Training," in which they portrayed how to have a poor league, and then how to have a good one.

After the afternoon session was adjourned, Bruce Dudley and Linda Godwin directed a period of recreation at the park. However,because of the cold and misty weather, the recreation was cut short and all the leaguers enjoyed a sandwich supper served by the host church.

Saturday Night (May 2)

Again the session was opened with congregational singing. Miss Linda Godwin of Wilson gave the devotional, after which a quartet from the Wilson First Church rendered special music.

After the offering was received, an inspirational and challenging film, "In His Steps," based on the book of the same name by Charles M. Sheldon, was presented.

The convention was adjourned with the League Benediction.

Frank Harrison, President
Leah McGlohon, Recording Secretary

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1963-64

May 5,	Brought forward	$ 199.61
5,	Received at Convention	343.04
	Total to account for	$ 542.65

DISBURSEMENTS

May 5,	Norman Ard for League Conference	$100.00
5,	Mt. Olive College	75.00
5,	Missions	25.00
5,	Expense of two children from the Children's Home to Cragmont	60.00
5,	Cragmont	94.20
5,	Wanda Boswell (State Sword Drill)	30.00
5,	Runner-up of Sword Drill	15.00
	Total Disbursements	$399.20
	Balance in Treasure	$143.45

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
June 6, 1964

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist League State Convention met on Saturday, June 6, 1964, at the Free Will Baptist Press at 10 a.m. Those present were Frank Harrison, Bruce Dudley, Norman Ard, Hilda Howard, and Leah McGlohon.

The Reverend Norman Ard led the group in prayer.

A general discussion of the problems of the League followed. Those present were asked to bring concrete ideas to the next meeting, which will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, on August 10.

Leah McGlohon prayed the benediction.

Frank Harrison, President
Leah McGlohon, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
August 10, 1964

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist League State Convention met on Monday, August 10, 1964, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson. Those present were Frank Harrison, Bruce Dudley, Norman Ard, Leah McGlohon, and C. F. Bowen.

Mr. Bowen was requested to write to Mr. Melvin about obtaining the League pin.

Report blanks and constitution and bylaws were discussed. Frank, Norman, and Leah were appointed to draw up a rough draft for a constitution.

Norman was appointed to direct the League Encampment at Cragmont. Frank will be his assistant.

A motion was made and carried to accept Bruce's resignation as editor of the League Bulletin.

A motion was made and carried that the president investigate Tarboro as a site for the next convention.

The next meeting will be held at Wilson on January 2 at 10 a.m.

Frank Harrison, President
Leah McGlohon, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
January 23, 1965

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist League State Convention met on Saturday, January 23, 1965, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson. Those present were Frank Harrison, Bruce Dudley, C. F. Bowen, Mrs. Hilda Howard, Hilda Owens, and Leah McGlohon.

After prayer the meeting was opened for business and the minutes of the last committee meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Bowen reported on his correspondence with the Reverend Henry Melvin about obtaining the League pin. The former National League Board has released the pin for our use.

A motion was made and carried to ask the Press to handle the pins.

A motion was made and carried that a copy of the proposed constitution and bylaws which was presented be sent to each member to study until the next meeting.

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro was selected for the place of the next annual meeting.

A motion was made and carried to have three sessions --Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, and Saturday night--this year.

Plans for the convention program were begun. "So We Believe" is to be the keynote of the convention, with Acts 2:32, 33 as the Scripture. "He Lives" was selected as the theme song.

The next committee meeting will be held at Wilson on March 6 at 10 a.m.

Hilda Owens prayed the benediction.

Frank Harrison, President
Leah McGlohon, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
March 6, 1965

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist League State Convention met on Saturday, March 6, 1965, at 10 a.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson. Those present were Frank Harrison, Bruce Dudley, Norman Ard, Leah McGlohon, Hilda Howard, and C. F. Bowen.

The Reverend Norman Ard led the group in prayer.

It was moved and carried that we adopt the proposed constitution and bylaws to present to the convention.

Changes for report blanks were discussed, and plans for the program were completed.

It was decided to continue the present league project for next year. The meeting was adjourned.

Frank Harrison, President
Leah McGlohon, Recording Secretary

1965 MINUTES

The 1965 session of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist League State Convention met with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro, North Carolina, on May 1, 1965. The keynote for the convention was "So We Believe"; Scripture, Acts 2:32, 33; and the song, "He Lives."

Saturday Morning

The convention opened with congregational singing directed by the Reverend Cedric Pierce, Jr., followed by devotions by leaguers from Sherron Acres Leagues. The Reverend Fred Rivenbark led in prayer. A duet, "Follow Me," was sung by ladies from People's Chapel church.

The Reverend Raymond Sasser welcomed the convention to the First Church; the Reverend Bruce Dudley responded.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Digest: Mrs. Hilda Howard, The Reverend Norman Ard, Susan Rouse.

Nominating: The Reverend Sheldon Howard, Linda Turner, Irwin Foreman.

Resolutions: The Reverend Bobby Bazen, Danny Griffin, Mrs. Albert Proctor.

An offering was received, and the Reverend Harold Jones prayed the offertory prayer. Then a girls' quartet from Little Rock Leagues sang "I've Been to Calvary."

The convention was opened for business by the president.

The following ministers were recognized: The Reverends Norman Ard, Frank Ray Harrison, Bruce Dudley, James Evans, Cedric D. Pierce, Jr., Carol Hansley, Sheldon Howard, Fred Rivenbark, Raymond Jones, Harold Jones, Bobby Bazen, Herman Grubbs, C. H. Overman, Earl Glenn, R. C. Cherry, C. F. Bowen.

The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Balance Brought Forward		$274.00
Received at 1965 Convention		259.23
Total		$533.23
Received		
State Project	$567.24	
Quarterly Offerings	127.31	
Left over from League Encampment	62.50	
Total		$757.05
Disbursements		
Film, "In His Steps"	$ 37.07	
Children's Home	25.00	
Mount Olive College	25.00	

Missions	$ 25.00	
Cragmont	56.50	
Runner-up for Sword Drill (Johnny Beddard)	15.00	
Programs and Advertisement	19.84	
Secretary's Expense	14.37	
Sword Drill Winner (Landis Rose)	30.00	
Two Children from Children's Home to Cragmont	60.00	
News Bulletin (stamps and paper)	33.71	
Total		$341.49

The treasurer's report was adopted by motion.

Norman Ard gave a report of the League Encampment last year and encouraged leaguers to attend this year.

Leah McGlohon gave a report of the Fellowship Meeting in Florida.

Mrs. C. F. Bowen volunteered to represent the League Convention at the 1965 meeting of the Fellowship.

A motion was made and carried to contribute $25 to the Fellowship Meeting at East Rockingham.

A motion was made and carried to pay the expenses of the delegate to the Fellowship Meeting.

The morning business session was closed, and a worship service followed. After a congregational hymn Mrs. Bruce Dudley sang "I'll Walk with God." Using Acts 27:20-25, the Reverend Earl Glenn brought a message on the keynote, "So We Believe.

The opening session was adjourned with the League Benediction.

Saturday Afternoon

Congregational singing opened the afternoon session, followed by prayer by the Reverend Herman Grubbs. The Statewide Intermediate Sword Drill was then conducted by Miss Hilda Owens. Landis Rose of Saratoga won first place, and Dale Griffin of the Second Central District Convention won second place.

A business session followed.

Digest Committee Report

No. Leagues Represented		No. on Roll	Average Attendance
Adult	25	384	299
Senior	19	179	142
Intermediate	18	167	129
Junior	23	216	167
Story Hour	18	151	129
General (combined)	6	175	97
Total	111	1,272	963

No. churches represented	25
No. conferences represented	4
No. district conventions represented	0

Certificates awarded to the following leagues:

Adult--Kinston
Senior--Little Rock
Intermediate--Shiloh
Junior--Winterville
Story Hour--Kinston

Average No. on Roll	1,272
Average Attendance	963
Average No. on Time	885
Average No. Studied Program	751
Average No. Daily Bible Readers	581
Average No. on Program	839
Average No. Attending Worship Service	834
Average No. Making Offering	804
Number New Members	210

Contribution to Convention	$130.75
Amount Enclosed for Cragmont	40.00
Amount Sent to State Treasurer (10%)	83.53
Amount Raised for Denominational Purposes	67.50
Amount Raised for Project, "Chapel for Mount Olive"	88.85

Registered at this Convention:

Ministers	19
Visitors	94
Delegates	67
Total	180

By Committee,
Hilda Howard
Norman Ard
Susan Rouse

A motion was made and carried to receive the report.

At the morning session mimeographed copies of a proposed Constitution and Bylaws were distributed. At this time the Constitution and Bylaws were adopted [redacted] by motion. (See Constitution which follows minutes.)

Certificates were awarded the leagues as given in the report of the Digest Committee.

Nominating Committee Report

President--The Reverend Bruce Dudley
Vice-President--The Reverend Cedric Pierce, Jr.
Recording Secretary--Leah McClohon
Corresponding Secretary--Hilda Howard
Treasurer--The Reverend Norman Ard
Sword Drill Leader--Hilda Owens
Member-at-Large--The Reverend Frank Ray Harrison
Cragmont Representative--The Reverend Harold Jones,1968; Mrs. Clarence Bowen to fill unexpired term of Kedith Finch, 1966 (Wayne West, 1967)

The report was adopted by motion.

A motion was made and carried that the state project be continued until the next convention.

After the conclusion of business the Reverend C. F. Bowen directed a panel discussion on "The Effective Program." The Reverend Norman Ard, the Reverend Fred Rivenbark, and Mrs. Albert Proctor served as panel members.

The afternoon session was closed with the League Benediction.

There followed a period of recreation directed by the Reverend Norman Ard and a sandwich supper served by the host league.

Saturday Night

Again the session was opened with congregational singing. Leaguers from the Mount Tabor Leagues conducted the devotions. Misses Debby Hines and Joyce Hardee of Winterville sang a duet.

An inspirational and challenging film, "The Power of the Resurrection," was then shown.

The final session of the convention was adjourned with the League Benediction.

Frank Harrison, President
Leah McGlohon, Recording Secretary

Adopted May 1, 1965
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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

of

North Carolina State Convention
of Free Will Baptist Leagues

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Leagues, realizing the importance of training our youth for the services of Christ's work and desiring to promote the work of the League throughout our state, do establish and ordain this Constitution and Bylaws.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. Name: This convention shall be known as North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues.

ARTICLE II. Purpose: The purpose of this convention shall be to stimulate, maintain, and promote the League work, consistent with the aim of the general organization.

ARTICLE III. Officers and Committees: The standing officers of the convention shall be a president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, Sword drill leader, and member-at-large.

Executive Committee: The executive committee shall be composed of the above-mentioned officers.

Digest Committee: This committee shall be composed of the corresponding secretary as chairman and two members from the registered delegates and ministers.

Resolution Committee: This committee shall be composed of three members from the registered delegates and ministers.

Nominating Committee: This committee shall be composed of three members from the registered delegates and ministers.

ARTICLE IV. Membership: Local Leagues and district League conventions within the bounds of this convention may become members.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. Duties of officers and committees:

President: He shall preside over all meetings and attend any other duties which devolve upon his office. He shall be elected by the convention to serve one year.

Vice-President: He shall serve in the absence of the president. His term of office shall be to serve one year when elected by the convention.

Recording Secretary: The recording secretary shall keep an accurate record

of all the proceedings of the convention. He is elected by the convention to serve one year.

Corresponding Secretary: The corresponding secretary shall take care of all correspondence of the convention and advise the digest committee. His term of office is one year.

Treasurer: The treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to the convention and shall disburse same only upon the order of the convention. He is to keep records of all funds paid out and report to the convention at each session. He is elected by the convention to serve one year.

Sword Drill Leader: The Sword drill leader, elected by the convention to serve one year, shall conduct the Intermediate Sword Drill at the annual convention.

Member-at-Large: The member-at-large, whenever possible, shall be a person experienced in League work and the work of the convention and is to advise and help to promote the work of the convention.

Digest Committee: The digest committee shall tabulate records from the report blanks and determine the winners of awards presented by the convention. A report is to be made to the convention.

Resolution Committee: The resolution shall present resolutions for consideration by the convention. Any resolution presented to the committee must be signed by those presenting it.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee shall present a slate of officers for consideration by the convention.

ARTICLE II. Voting: One delegate from each group that is organized (5 possible), the president of each group (5 possible), general directors, ministers, and one delegate from each district convention is eligible to vote. All questions, with exception of amendments, coming before the convention shall be decided by a simple majority vote.

ARTICLE III. This convention shall hold its annual meetings on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in May. The number of sessions is left to the discretion of the executive committee.

ARTICLE IV. Each general league is requested to send 10% of its weekly offerings quarterly to the treasurer of the State League Convention for use by the convention in promotional work, league newsletter or bulletin, etc.

Each league of a church is requested to send $1 contribution to the annual convention (total--$5).

ARTICLE V. It shall be the liberty of this convention to appoint such temporary committees from time to time as may seem profitable in extending our League work.

ARTICLE VI. The convention shall sponsor a league week at Cragmont each summer.

ARTICLE VII. This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any regular session of this convention by a written resolution and by a 2/3 majority vote of those persons who are eligible to vote.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 19, 1965

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues met on Saturday, July 19, 1965, at Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, at 10 a.m. Those present were Bruce Dudley, Cedric Pierce, Jr., Norman Ard, Frank Harrison, Hilda Howard.

The meeting was called to order by Bruce Dudley. Cedric Pierce led in prayer.

Norman gave a treasurer's report as follows:

Paid to	
Dale Griffin and Landis Rose for Cragmont	$45.00
The Reverend and Mrs. Frank Harrison	$50.00
The Reverend Bruce Dudley	$25.00

Money on Hand - $367.57

A motion was made and carried to correspond with Bobby Bazen, Virginia Beach Mission, informing him that although we would like to help the work there, we are not able at present since the convention voted in 1964, Smithfiled, North Carolina, not to allocate funds. (Secretary's note: The motion referred to was tabled because a new Constitution and Bylaws was to be presented. The Constitution and Bylaws adopted at the 1965 convention did not include a finance committee to allocate funds; money is to be disbursed upon the order of the convention.)

Norman Ard was designated to investigate the possibility of securing the film, "The Restless Ones," for our 1966 State Convention.

A motion was made and carried that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Tarboro church, host for the 1965 State League Convention.

A discussion of where to hold the 1966 convention followed. Frank will talk with the Reverend J. A. Evans, who spoke to him about inviting the convention for 1966.

A tentative date for the next executive meeting was set for Saturday, November 20.

The meeting adjourned.

Bruce Dudley, President
Hilda Howard, Secretary Pro Tem

[illegible] November 27, 1965

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues met on Saturday, November 27, 1965, at Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, at 10 a.m. Those present were Bruce Dudley, Leah McGlohon, Hilda Howard, and Frank Harrison.

Frank led the group in prayer, after which the minutes were read and

approved.

Hilda was instructed to write a letter to Mr. Barrow at the Press reminding them of our request to change "Attending Preaching" to Attending Worship Service" on the report blank.

A motion was made and carried that since the Virginia Beach Mission is in desperate need for funds to purchase land by December 15, we send $25 toward the purchase.

Frank reported that since Goldsboro's new sanctuary had not been started and would not be ready by convention time that we needed to discuss another site for our 1966 convention. A motion was made and carried that the corresponding secretary write to the Reverend W. A. Hales about having the convention at Kinston.

Leah was designated to reserve the film, "Face the Music," for April 30, since "The Restless Ones" is not available without charging an admission fee.

The topic, "The Christian in a Secular World" was suggested for thought as a theme for the program.

January 22 was set as the next meeting date of the committee. Leah McGlohon gave the benediction.

Bruce Dudley, President
Leah McGlohon, Recording Secretary

January 22, 1966

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues met on Saturday, January 22, 1966, at the Little Rock parsonage, Lucama, at 10 a.m. Those present were Bruce Dudley, Cedric Pierce, Jr., Leah McGlohon, Frank Harrison, and Sheldon Howard (proxy for Hilda).

It was reported that since Mr. Hales has been sick the corresponding secretary had not heard from the Kinston church about having the convention. Bruce reported that in the event the Kinston church could not have it, it might be possible to have it at Bridgeton.

A motion was made and carried that "The Christian in a Secular World" be adopted as a theme for the convention.

Final plans were made for the program for the convention.

Bruce was elected director of the League Encampment at Cragmont for 1966.

Sheldon gave the benediction.

Bruce Dudley, President
Leah McGlohon, Recording Secretary

1966 MINUTES

The 1966 session of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues met with the Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church, Bridgeton, North Carolina, on April 30, 1966. The keynote for the convention was "The Christian in a Secular World"; Scripture, Matthew 16:24, 25; and the song, "A Charge to Keep."

Saturday Morning

The convention opened with congregational singing directed by the Reverend Norman Ard. Mrs. Bruce Dudley served as pianist. Brenda Jenkins of St. Mary's Leagues gave the devotional, using "Loyalty and Obedience" as her subject and Proverbs 3:1-10 as the Scripture.

The league director of the local church welcomed the convention to Bridgeton; Leah McGlohon responded.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Digest: Mrs. Hilda Howard, Linda Glenn, The Reverend Norman Ard.

Nominating: The Reverend C. H. Overman, James Taylor, Buddy Sasser.

Resolution: The Reverend D. W. Hansley, The Reverend L. E. Ballard, Sandra Manning.

An offering was received, and the Reverend Carol Hansley prayed the offertory prayer. A mixed quartet from the Hull Road Leagues sang "Face to Face" and "Seal Us, O Holy Spirit."

The convention was opened for business by the president. The minutes were read and approved.

A motion was made and carried that in the event there are only three contestants in the Sword Drill this afternoon we give $7.50 toward a trip to Cragmont to the third place winner for this convention only.

A motion was made and carried that we authorize $100 to supplement funds if needed for the League Encampment at Cragmont.

Treasurer's Report

Balance Brought Forward	$ 948.79
Received at Last Convention	321.39
Total	$1,270.18

Received Since Last Convention	10%	Project
Ayden	$ [illegible]	$ 17.42
Aspen Grove	9.41	
Bridgeton	25.00	
Bethel	8.86	
Davis	17.56	
Everett's Chapel	5.00	
Little Rock	8.42	
Oak Grove	13.40	
Piney Grove	8.00	
Rose Hill	12.60	

	10%	Project	
Second District of Central Conference	10.00	100.00	
Spring Branch	7.07		
Sts. Delight	2.71		
St. Mary's	4.66		
Virginia Beach Mission	28.80		
Wilson	4.34		
Winterville	17.34	45.07	
Total	$162.96	$162.49	$345.45

Disbursements:

Film for Last Convention	$ 31.43	
Projector	10.00	
Postage Stamps	19.25	
Programs for Last Convention	19.48	
News Bulletin	16.02	
Cragmont (earmarked)	40.00	
Delegate and Fee to International Fellowship	41.00	
F. W. B. Press for Supplies for Cragmont Conference	6.44	
Mount Olive on Project	677.55	
Winner and Runner-up for Sword Drill	45.00	
Cragmont Conference	75.00	
Virginia Beach Mission	25.00	
Total Disbursements		$1,005.97

Balance Brought Forward and Receipts for Last Convention	$1,270.18
Receipts for This Year	345.45
Total for Which to Account	$1,615.63
Total Disbursements	1,005.97
Balance in Treasury	$ 609.66

Norman Ard, Treasurer

The treasurer's report was adopted by motion

A motion was made that the convention purchase one ticket to the supper to be held on May 26 at Virginia Beach Mission and the president go to represent the convention. A motion was made and carried to amend the motion to pay the expenses of the president to Virginia Beach.

A motion was made and carried to purchase another ticket for $25 for the president's wife.

A motion was made and carried that the money be taken from the treasury to complete the state project of $1,000.

The Reverend L. E. Ballard reported on Cragmont conferences.

A motion was made that our project for the coming year be $1,000 for the Virginia Beach Mission. By motion the motion was tabled until the afternoon session.

The morning business session was closed, and a worship service followed. After the singing of "Trusting Jesus" by the congregation, Jimmy Wooten and Danny Coates of Mount Olive College sang "I Waited for the Lord." The Reverend Charles Sapp of Mount Olive College spoke on the keynote, "The Christian in a Secular World."

Saturday Afternoon

Congregational singing opened the afternoon session, which was followed by devotions by Edgemont Leaguers. Linda Jones read the Scripture; Jimmy Wooten, the prayer; and two girls sang a duet.

Miss Hilda Owens directed the Intermediate Sword Drill. Dail Griffin of Elm Grove, representing the Second Central District Convention, won first place; Sandra Manning won second place; and Ada Melton, third place.

A business session followed.

A motion was made and carried to remove the motion tabled in the morning session from the table. A substitute motion was made and carried that the project be $1,000 for Cragmont to use to build a chapel.

Resolution Committee Report

Be it resolved that this convention express our thanks to the host church and its pastor for entertaining this convention, and be it further resolved that we express our thanks to all retiring officers for their service.

By committee,
The Reverend D. W. Hansley
The Reverend L. E. Ballard

By motion the resolution was passed and a rising vote of thanks was given.

Nominating Committee Report

President--The Reverend Cedric D. Pierce, Jr.
Vice-President--The Reverend L. B. Woodall
Recording Secretary--Mrs. Haywood Hill
Treasurer--The Reverend Raymond Jones
Corresponding Secretary--Mrs. Bill Futch
Sword Drill Leader--Miss Hilda Owens
Member-at-Large--The Reverend Bruce Dudley
Cragmont Representative--Mrs. C. F. Bowen

By committee,
C. H. Overman, Chairman
Buddy Sasser
James Taylor

The floor was opened for nominations in addition to those of the committee. With the exception of the Cragmont representative and the Sword Drill leader, those presented by the committee were elected by acclamation. After reconsidering, Hilda Owens agreed to accept the office of Sword Drill leader and was thus elected. The Reverend Carol Hansley was elected as Cragmont representative, 1969. (others: Wayne West, 1967, and Harold Jones, 1968).

Digest Committee Report

	No. Leagues Represented	No. on Roll	Average Attendance
Adult	20	349	243
Senior	15	134	107
Intermediate	16	117	84

Junior	19	147	117
Story Hour	15	138	87
General (comb.)	4	152	94
Total	89	1,037	732

No. churches represented	25
No. conferences represented	4
No. district conventions	0

Certificates awarded to the following leagues:

Adult--St. Mary's
Senior--Little Rock
Intermediate--St. Mary's
Junior--Sarecta
Story Hour--Sandy Plain

Average No. on Roll	1,037
Average Attendance	732
Average No. on Time	595
Average No. Studied Program	392
Average No. Daily Bible Readers	318
Average No. on Program	528
Average No. Attending Worship	567
Average No. Making Offering	510
Number New Members	85

Contribution to Convention	$ 69.00
Amount Enclosed for Cragmont	2.00
Amount Sent State Treasurer (10%)	24.42
Amount Raised for Denominational Purposes	164.24
Amount Raised for State Project	104.00
(Sent)	4.00

Registered at This Convention:

Ministers	16
Delegates	46
Visitors	77
	139

By Committee,
Hilda Howard
Norman Ard
Linda Glenn

By motion the report was received as information.

Certificates were awarded the leagues as given in the report of the Digest Committee.

After the business several discussion groups were held in which the keynote was reviewed.

The afternoon session closed with the League Benediction.

A sandwich supper was served by the host leagues.

Saturday Night

Again the session was opened with congregational singing. Leaguers from Bridgeton gave a dramatic devotional, after which a solo was sung.

An inspirational and challenging film, "Face the Music," was then shown.

The convention adjourned with the League Benediction.

Bruce Dudley, President
Leah McGlohon, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

August 13, 1966

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues met on Saturday, August 13, 1966, at Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, Snow Hill, at 10 a.m. Those present were Cedric Pierce, Jr., Leonard Woodall, Elizabeth Hill, Linda Futch, and Bruce Dudley.

The meeting was called to order by Cedric Pierce. Bruce Dudley led in prayer. Mr. Pierce then read from Ephesians 6:10-18. The minutes of the 1966 State League Convention were read by Elizabeth Hill for the purpose of helping the Committee to recall some of the events which took place at the League Convention at Bridgeton in May.

Bruce Dudley reported that there were 81 who attended the League Encampment at Cragmont. A motion was made and carried that we give our League Encampment a name.

A discussion concerning the league work followed. One idea was to change the name, another to merge with Y.F.A. and A.F.C; still another was to change the date of the State League Convention. Mr. Pierce asked the Committee to think more about these matters and bring ideas for the next Convention at our next meeting.

A motion was made by Leonard Woodall and carried that the Convention send $50 to the Children's Home as a Golden Anniversary Appreciation Gift in Tribute to the Trustees.

A semi-annual statewide league convention (possibly the first Saturday in December at Shady Grove, Dunn, N. C.) was discussed.

The corresponding secretary, Linda Futch, resigned. Bruce was asked to contact Jane Gainey to replace Linda.

It was suggested that an article be written for the Free Will Baptist about the league work, especially about the State League project.

September 17 at Pleasant Grove Church, Pikeville, was set as the next meeting date for the executive committee.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Linda.

Cedric Pierce Jr., President

Elizabeth Hill, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

September 15, 1966

The Executive Committee of the State League Convention met at Mount Olive College, September 15, 1966.

A motion was made to accept Linda Futch's resignation of corresponding secretary of State League Convention. Motion was adopted.

Ray Wells was nominated and elected to serve the unexpired term of Linda's Futch's position of Corresponding Secretary.

Hickory Chapel Church of Ahoskie, N. C. has invited the May 1967 League Convention to meet there.

The motion was made and carried that the State League Convention accept Hickory Chapel's invitation for the 1967 (May) State League Convention.

A motion was made and carried that a committee made up of Cedric Pierce, Hilda Owens, and Raymond Jones examine the present State League Convention Constitution and suggest needed changes. to the next Executive meeting.

A motion was made and carried that the Executive Committee of State League Convention plan a fall promotional Convention for State Leagues at Edgemont Church, Durham, N. C. at 10:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. on December 3, 1966.

A motion was made that the Executive Committee of State League Convention meet in executive session on October 15, 10:00 a. m. at Pleasant Grove Church, Pikeville, N. C.

Cedric Pierce Jr., President
Elizabeth Hill, Secretary

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 15, 1966

The Executive Committee of the State League Convention met at Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, near Pikeville, October 15, 1966. Those present were Cedric Pierce, Jr., Leonard Woodall, Hilda Owens, Raymond Jones, Bruce Dudley, Ray Wells, and Elizabeth Hill.

The meeting was called to order by Cedric Pierce, Jr., and Leonard Woodall led in prayer. The minutes of the last executive committee meeting were read and approved.

The following plans were outlined for the fall promotional meeting to be held at the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, N. C. on December 3, 1966--the theme to be "Every Church member a leaguer in '67."

9:30--Registration
10:00--Hymn with Linda Godwin as chorus and song leader (Carlton Livesa as alternate) and Debby Hines as pianist
10:05--devotion by Tex Barrow to be contacted by Leonard Woodall
10:15--Cragmont presentation to include State Project and Cragmont experiences with Bruce Dudley being responsible.
10:30--chorus singing
10:45--Special singing by Chancellor Choir of Edgemont Church
10:50--League meaning to include pins, project, and principles by Cedric Pierce, Jr. President's Message
11:00--"I Dreamed I Searched Heaven for You," a drama by St. Mary's League, Kenly, N. C. and to be contacted by Raymond Jones
As an alternate, Edgemont Church may be responsible here.
12:00--lunch
1:00--Film for entire convention to be chosen by Hilda Owens
1:45--Workshops with the following divisions: (a) sword drills by Hilda Owens, (b) sponsors and directors, (c) story hour by Elizabeth Hill, (d) film for seniors to be secured by Hilda with Leonard Woodall in charge.
2:45--special music by Hull Road Junior choir and Gale Jones
2:50--presentation of Press
3:00--closing

Bruce Dudley asked the committee to think about a new director for League week at Cragmont in '67 and also to think of a good name for this encampment.

It was decided to meet again on November 12, 1966 at Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church with the ~~Constitional~~ Constitutional committee meeting at 10 a.m. and other members of the executive committee meeting with them at 1 p.m.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Raymond Jones.

Cedric Pierce Jr., President
Elizabeth Hill, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

November 12, 1966

The Executive Committee of the State League Convention met at Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, November 12, 1966.

A motion was made and carried that we secure the film, "The Unfinished Task" (cost $25) for the Promotional Meeting in December.

A motion was made and carried that the following program be adopted for the Fall Promotional Convention in Durham at the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church on December 3, 1966.

9:30-Registration
10:00-Hymn, Song Director
10:05-Devotions, Tex Barrow
10:15-Presentation of Cragmont, the Rev. Bruce Dudley
10:30-Chorus Singing, Song Director
10:40-Special Singing, Edgemont Chancel Choir
10:45-President's Message, the Reverend Cedric D. Pierce, Jr.
11:00-Special Singing, Miss Debbie Hines
11:05-Presentation of the Press, The Rev. Walter Reynolds
11:20-"Aunt Sallie Joins the Adult League," Edgemont Leagues
12:00-Lunch
1:00-Chorus Singing, Song Director
1:05-Special Singing, St. Mary's Leagues, New Bern
1:10-Workshops:
Story Hour, Mrs. Elizabeth Hill
Sword Drill, Miss Hilda Owens
Seniors, The Rev. L. B. Woodall, Jr.
Sponsors and Directors, The Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link
1:40-Special Singing, Calvary Quartet, Wilson
1:45-Film--"The Unfinished Task"
3:00-Benediction

ORGANIST: Miss Judy Reynolds
PIANIST: Miss Debbie Hines
SONG DIRECTOR: Mr. Carlton Livesay

A motion was made and carried that the League week at Cragmont be called "The Christian Cadets Conference."

A motion was also made and carried that the president of the State League Convention be the director of the Conference at Cragmont and his assistant be the Rev. Raymond Jones. The president was granted the auth ity to appoint someone to take his place if he could not attend.

The Committee decided to meet again at 9:00 in the morning on the day of the State League Convention, December 3, 1966.

Cedric Pierce Jr. Presid
Elizabeth Hill, Secretary

1966 MINUTES OF CALLED CONVENTION

On December 3, 1966, the North Carolina State League Convention was called into session by the president at the Edgemont Church, Durham. The Convention opened with the singing of the hymn, "O Worship the King" and Debra Hines at the piano.

Tex Barrow brought the devotions. He read from Matthew 11:29 and impressed the Convention with the thought: "learn of me."

Mrs. Doris McGee of the host church welcomed the Convention and Harold Hill from the Hull Road Church responded.

The Reverend Bruce Dudley announced that the "Christian Cadets Conference" formerly known as "League Week" would meet at Cragmont June 26-July 1. Two young ladies from his church spoke in behalf of Cragmont and encouraged leaguers to attend the next conference.

Choruses and hymns were led by Bruce Dudley with Debra Hines, pianist, and Judy Reynolds, organist.

The Edgemont Chancel Choir presented special music.

The Reverend Cedric D. Pierce, Jr., president, vividly brought out the fact that the Free Will Baptist League is the training service of the church. Rather, he pointed out that it is the church in training and should never be a little independent organization, nor should it be like the Sunday school.

In the basement of the church was an attractive display of league materials plus many supplementary materials brought from the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, North Carolina by the Reverend Walter Reynolds, manager of the Press who spoke to the Convention and pointed out the purpose of the Press as being somewhat like the verse: "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20: 31).

At 12 o'clock an enjoyable lunch was served by the host church.

In the afternoon session, St. Mary's Leagues of New Bern were the recipients of a book, "Leaves of Gold," from the Convention for having the highest percentage of its league members present other than the two local churches, Edgemont and Sharon Acres.

Special workshops were conducted by Elizabeth Hill, Storyhour; Hilda Owens, Sword Drill for Juniors and Intermediates; and [illegible] Seniors and Sponsors.

A special missionary film entitled "The Unfinished Task" was presented for the entire Convention.

Tex Barrow closed the Convention with prayer.

Since this was a promotional meeting, no business was transacted nor offering taken.

Cedric D. Pierce, Jr., Pres.

Elizabeth Hill, Sec.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
March 4, 1967

The Executive Committee of State League Convention met at Mount Olive College, March 4, 1967. The following were present: Cedric Pierce, Jr., Hilda Owens, Raymond Jones, and Elizabeth Hill.

The president called the meeting to order at 3 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Raymond Jones.

A motion was made and carried that the president write the pastor of Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church requesting that his church furnish a sandwich lunch on the day of the Convention.

Also a motion was made and carried that there be only the Saturday session of the State Convention with registration beginning at 9 o'clock, Convention at 10 o'clock, and closing at 3 o'clock.

"Living Sacrifices" was a suggested theme for the Convention along with a theme song: "Living for Jesus", and the Verse: Romans 12:1.

The president urged each one present to give careful thought concerning the theme and the program.

It was agreed to meet again on March 18 at 10 a. m. at Mount Olive College.

Elizabeth Hill was instructed to ask Tommy Manning to give a chalktalk in the place of a message at the Convention; also to write Linda Godwin requesting that she act as song leader and be responsible for special music from the Sherron Acres Church for the Convention.

The meeting recessed until March 18.

Cedric Pierce, Jr., President
Elizabeth Hill, Secretary

March 18, 1967

The Executive Committee met March 18, 1967 at Mount Olive College at 1:30 in Hilda Owens' office. Meeting opened with prayer, and all members were present except Bruce.

The first item of business was the reading and examining the Constitution and Bylaws. With certain changes which Hilda was authorized to make, it was approved.

Minutes were read and approved.

The program for the next Sate Convention was planned as follows:

Theme: "My God and I"

Scripture:"...what doth the Lord require of thee, but...to walk humbly with thy God?"

Welcome: Hickory Chapel
Response: Edgemont
Morning Devotion: Shady Grove
Business Session at 10:25
Special Song: "My God and I", Hull Road
Chalktalk: Mrs. Vance Link or an alternate: a film, "The Moral Choice"
Afternoon Devotional: Little Rock
Special Music: Sherron Acres and Calvary Youth Choir
Sword Drill

Motion was made and carried that a framed certificate be presented to best general league that reports to State League Convention and has a delegate instead of presenting certificates to individual leagues.

It was suggested that an Awards Committee composed of Hilda, Chairman, Elizabeth Hill, and Leonard Woodall meet on April 29 at 1:30 at the Colle Other board members were to join them at 2:30.

The following were appointed to write articles in the Free Will Baptis concerning the State League Convention: Raymond Jones for April 5, Elizabeth Hill for April 12, Leonard Woodall for April 19, and Cedric Pierce for April 26.

Motion was carried that the Corresponding Secretary be in charge of registration at Convention.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Hill, Sec.

1967 MINUTES

The 1967 session of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues met with the Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina, on May 6, 1967. The keynote for the convention was "My God and I"; Scripture, Micah 6:8.

Saturday Morning

The convention opened with congregational singing directed by Mrs. Florence Taylor with Mrs. Robert May, organist, and Jan Chamblee, pianist. Wayne Edwards of Shady Grove Church gave the devotional using Micah 6:8 as the Scripture. Prayer was offered by the Rev. W. L. Moretz

Phyllis Chamblee of the local church welcomed the convention and Linda Jones, Edgemont Church, responded.

The following committees were appointed:

Digest: Leah McGlohon, Diane Briley, Bill Pittman

Nominating: Rev. Earl Glenn, Linda Pierce, Rev. Kemery Ard

Resolutions: Rev. Vance Link, Francis Cassick, Rev. Jack Mayo

The president then read the new Constitution and Bylaws. The floor was opened for questions. A motion was made and carried that the constitution be laid on the table for a short period of time.

Special music was rendered by the Sherron Acres youth choir. An offering was received.

A motion was made and carried to remove from the table the motion concerning the constitution.

The motion to adopt the Constitution was made and carried unanimously.

After congregational singing, special music was rendered by Sherry and Teresa Cunningham of Hull Road.

A most inspiring chalktalk was given by Mrs. Vance Link. The topic was "My God and I in Practical Everyday Living."

Afternoon Session

Deborah Carawan of the Winterville leagues brought the afternoon devotions. Mrs. Linda Pierce directed the Intermediate Sword Drill. Sandra Manning of Winterville won first place; Vonnie Williamson of Elm Grove won second place. Other participants were Tommy Evans and Teresa Mitchell.

Calvary Quartet from Calvary Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson rendered special music.

Digest Committee Report

No. Churches Represented	25
No. Conferences Represented	5
No. District Conventions	2

Contribution to Convention	$134.00
Project for Cragmont	329.56
10% of weekly offerings for State Treas.	24.80
Total sent to Convention	488.36
Total raised for State Project for year	564.81

Certificates Awarded to the following Leagues:

Story Hour--Sarecta
Junior--Davis
Intermediate--Hickory Chapel
Senior--Sarecta
Adult--Shiloh

Registered at this Convention:

Ministers	11
Delegates	39
General Dir.	7
Visitors	4
	61

By Committee,
Leah McGlohon
Diane Briley
Bill Pittman

By motion the report was received as information.

Resolutions Committee Report

We, the Resolutions Committee, present the following resolution: That a rising vote of thanks be extended the host church, Hickory Chapel, for the fine manner in which they entertained the State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues.

By committee,
Vance Link
Jack Mayo
Frances Cassick

By motion the resolution was passed and a rising vote of thanks was given.

Treasurer's Report

Balance brought forward	$609.66	
Received at Convention	124.27	
	733.93	
Bank Charges	.73	
Received from Rev. Norman Ard		$733.20
Receipts, 10% Offerings		132.20
Cragmont Chapel Project - Banked		202.81
Cragmont Chapel Project - Direct (checks)	$32.50	
Mount Olive Project - Direct (checks)	15.25	

Total to Account for:	1,068.21
Disbursements	377.73
	690.48
Bank Charges	1.76
Balance on hand, May 6, 1967	688.72
Convention Offering - May 6, 1967	27.73
Convention Donations	158.80
Convention Project Donations (Cragmont)	329.56
Turned over to Mr. James McGhee	1,204.81
To Be Sent to Cragmont	532.37
Working Capitol	672.44

The treasurer's report was adopted.

The minutes of the Executive Committee were read and approved.

St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Leagues of New Bern invited the State League Convention to meet with them in 1968. The invitation was accepted.

Nominating Committee Report

President--Rev. Raymond Jones
Vice President--Rev. Vence Link
Recording Secretary--Mrs. Edmund Gonzales
Corresponding Secretary--Mrs. Russ Becker
Treasurer--Mr. James McGhee
Promotional Secretary--Miss Hilda Owens
Member-at-Large--Rev. Cedric D. Pierce, Jr.

Cragmont Stock Representatives	Term Expiring
Rev. C. H. Overman	1970
Rev. Jack Mayo	1969
Rev. Leonard B. Woodall	1968

By committee,
E. H. Glenn, Chairman
Mrs. Cedric D. Pierce
Robert May

The Convention adjourned with prayer.

Cedric D. Pierce, Jr., President

Elizabeth Hill, Recording Sec.

1967 Christian Cadets' Conference
Director's Financial Report to the
N.C. State Convention of F.W.B. Leagues
March 9, 1968

Receipts:

Matriculation Fees	$2,375.00
From State League Convention	
1. To State Winners	45.00
2. To Camp Expenses	69.03
Miscellaneous from Campers (Gifts, etc.)	135.45
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$2,524.48

DISBURSEMENTS:

Cragmont Assembly (Camper's Room + Board)	$1,344.10
Buses	800.00
Counsellors Compensation	105.00
Travel for Cadets	70.00
Pageantry (Conf. Paid - $50.40)	37.00
Picture	47.25
Miscellaneous Expenses	20.65
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$2,524.00
Balance on Hand	$0

Calvin O. Reese, Jr.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
June 3, 1967

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist League State Convention met on Saturday, June 3, 1967, at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina. Those present were Raymond Jones, Vance Link, James McGhee, Mrs. Russ Becker and Mrs. Edmund Gonzalez.

Vance Link opened the meeting with prayer.

The duties and responsibilities of the District Officers and the Officers of the individual leagues were discussed.

Motion was made by James McGhee and seconded by Mrs. Becker that our aim and motto for the coming year be "Every Church Member A Leaguer".

Rev. Jones requested each member of the Executive Committee to write an article for publication in The Free Will Baptist before the next convention as follows:

Rev. Mance Link - July
Mrs. Edmund Gonzalez - August
Mrs. Russ Becker - September
Miss Hilda Owens - October
Mr. James McGhee - November
Rev. Cedric Pierce - December

The president lead a discussion concerning the time of League. It was the consensus of the group that League is presently held at the most appropriate time.

The committee also discussed the League Literature. Rev. Jones volunteered to talk with Rev. C. H. Overman concerning same. Each member was asked to bring to the next meeting ideas on paper about the League Literature.

A motion was made by Rev. Link and seconded by Mr. McGhee that Mrs. Gonzalez be responsible for one newsletter with cost detailed - number of copies to depend on the League Directory. One copy is to go to each pastor and one to each League Sponsor. The Executive Committee is to vote on the newsletter after seeing same.

Plans were made for the program of the State League Convention. (See attached program.) This is to be a fellowship meeting and no business session will be held.

The president appointed a committee to investigate the possibility of purchasing a wooden plaque with brass plate to be presented to "The Best All Around or Most Outstanding League". Miss Hilda Owens will serve as chairman of the committee. Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Gonzalez will serve as committee members.

It was decided to continue the Cragmont Project with the goal of $1000.00.

Any League asking assistance in organizing a League will be helped by the member of the Executive Committee nearest that League.

We were dismissed with the League Benediction prayed in unison.

Rev. Raymond Jones, President
Mrs. Edmund Gonzalez, Recording Secretary

The Nor th Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues Executive Committee met February 10, 1968 at the Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N. C. Members present were: Rev. Raymond Jones; Rev. Vance Link; and Bro. James McGhee. Rev. Link opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion; Rev. Link - 2nd Rev. Jones; that the tentitive program for the March 9, 1968 State League Convention be adopted. Motion carried. Copy of the tentitive program attached.

1968 Minutes
March 9, 1968

The 1968 session of the North Carolina State Convention of F.W.B. Leagues met with St. Mary's F.W.B. Church, New Bern, North Carolina.

The meeting was called to order by our president, Rev. Raymond E. Jones.

The opening song "Onward Christian Leaguers" was led by Mr. James McGhee, the songleader for the day.

Theme "The Kingdom Is Coming".

Devotions were by Mrs. Grace Jones with the scripture, Philippians 3:14.

The Rev. L.E. Ballard led in prayer, after which Miss Brenda Jenkins, of St. Mary's Church gave us a welcome.

The Response was given by Miss Faye Wells, of Weldon Church.

The President gave us some challenging remarks and introduced the state officers present. Mrs. Lou Becker, corresponding secretary, was not present.

A nominating committee was appointed for the purpose of filling the vacancy of the recording secretary and also to fill the place on the Cragmont Board presently occupied by Rev. Harold Jones, who has served a two year term. Serving on the nominating committee were: Chairman, Mr. Sherman Bradley, Mrs. Melvin Moore, and Miss Judy Reynolds.
Other committees included the Digest Committee: Chairman, Mrs. Bobbie Holland, acting secretary for the day, Rev. Herbert Jones, Miss Sue Beaman.
On the Resolutions Committee were: Chairman, Mr. Delbert Scott, Rev. E.C. Morris, Mrs. Herbert Jones.

After the service of the giving the AFC Choir of the Weldon League presented us special music.

The pastors were recognized.

The hymn "Send The Light" was sung, and the report of Christian Cadets Conference at Cragment was reported by Rev. Pierce.

The session for this year is set for June 24-29. The director will be Rev. Pierce again. The conference is for leaguers ages 9 to 10 and up.

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The financial report of the Christian Cadets Conference was given, there being no money on hand for this conference. Registration fee will be $5.00 - to be sent with form. $25.00 will be due when going to conference. League colors are gold and white. Motion made and carried to adopt report including financial statement.

After telling about superlatives being selected at each Craymont session, Rev. Pierce made a motion that beginning this year, the convention pay annually $30.00 to give the camper voted best all around a free trip to the Christian Cadets Conference on the following year. It is understood that this person must attend the Christian Cadets Conference to be eligible. The motion was carried.

Remarks concerning Craymont were made by Rev. Ballard. He said that it would work well if groups from each church could attend different conferences instead of all going to the same conference.

Chorus time.

Mrs. Grace Jones and Mr. James McGhee rendered a duet as our special music.

The introduction of the speaker was given by the Rev. Vance Link.

Our speaker for the day was Mr. Rand Bailey, Physical Director, Y.M.C.A. Durham.
His topic was "Christians and Physical Health". After a very informative and interesting talk, a rising vote of thanks was given to Mr. Bailey.

The Convention adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session opened with chorus time, after which Mrs. Lula Gardner introduced our second speaker for the day. Mrs. Elizabeth Scott, of Stoney Creek Church, spoke on "Christians and Mental Health".

A sword drill was directed by Miss Hilda Owens. Winners for the 1968 conference were: 1st place, Debra Carawan, Winterville Church, 2nd Central District League Convention; and 2nd place, Joyce Hobbs, Core Creek Church, Cove City.

After singing "At the Cross", we were presented special music by a mixed quartet. They sang "Do You Know".

No certificates were awarded for top leagues due to the fact that registration blanks had not been mailed to the leagues. Blanks will be mailed to churches with leagues and should be returned to Rev. Raymond E. Jones, Route 2, Box 489, Goldsboro, 27530 no later than April 10.

There are no minutes available from the 1967 convention.

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Treasurer's report given by Mr. James McGhee is as follows.

TREASURER'S REPORT

NORTH CAROLINA STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION
March 9, 1968

Balance on hand, May 6, 1967	$ 688.72	
Received at Convention	516.09	
Total brought forward		$ 1,204.81
10% Offerings received from May 6, 1967	$ 127.86	
Earmarked Project receipts	80.00	
Total receipts since May 6, 1967		$ 207.86
Total to account for, March 9,1968		$ 1,412.67
Disbursements since May 6, 1967	$ 209.00	
Earmarked for project	612.37	
Total paid out		$ 821.37
Balance on hand, March 9, 1968		$ 591.30

James Rand McGhee
Treasurer
North Carolina State League Convention

Received today, March 9, 1968	$ 100.60	
Project	90.00	
Balance brought forward		$ 190.60

Motion made by Rev. Pierce that $297.69 be transferred from the general operating fund to complete the $1,000.00 chapel fund (Cragmont) that had been set as the goal for 1967 and had not been reached. Substitution motion made to give executive committee the authority to get money from treasury to complete project after the money now out was collected and added. Motion made by Hilda Owens and was carried.

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The Digest Report was given with 173 registered, including 12 pastors and representing churches. Pastors recognized were: Rev. Vance Link, Earl Glenn, Harold Jones, A.B. Bryan, E.C. Morris, Bobby Fasden, L.E. Ballard, Cedric D. Pierce, Jr., and Jack Mayo. (Other pastors did come in later, but names were not recieved.)

The nominating committee report was given: Mrs. Vance Link was nominated for recording secretary. The motion was made and carried to accept her. The Rev. Harold Jones was elected to the Cragmont Board.

Rev. Ballard announced a Cragmont Rally to be at Greenville on Saturday, April 13.

The Resolutions Committee resolved to give a rising vote of thanks to the St. Mary's Church for hospitality and kindness shown. A rising vote of thanks was given.

A motion was made and carried to have as a project for this year another $1,000.00 to be used on chapel at Cragmont.

A Spiritual Life Meeting was set for December 7 at Stoney Creek Church.

The State Convention is to be held Saturday before 2nd Sunday in March, 1969. No meeting place was announced.

The motion was made and carried to give promotional secretary the authority and responsibility ti use whatever means necessary to promote State League Project.

Motion made and carried to adjourn. We closed with the League Benediction.

President: Rev. Raymond Jones

Acting Secretary: Bobbie Holland

1968 Minutes of Mid Year Spiritual Life Convention

On December 7, 1968 the North Carolina League Convention was called into session by the Vice President, the Reverend Vance Link, as he lead in the opening hymn "Free Will Baptist Leagers." Miss Marcia Pierce, representing the E.C.U. Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship gave us an appropriate devotion on "Love and Christmas."

After singing a few choruses, we were given a welcome by Miss Vicki Jones from the host church (Stoney Creek) and the response was made by Miss Lucy Dry from Mt. Olive College.

Our President, the Reverend Jones made some challenging remarks on our theme "Fishers of Men."

Choruses were lead again by the Reverend Vance Link with Mattie Link pianist, and Linda Glenn organist.

The Reverend Cedric Pierce gave us an interesting report on the Christian Cadet Conference held at Cragment during the past summer.

After the offering was taken Miss Gail Jones rendered two messages in songs. Our morning program was presented by the promotional secretary, Miss Hilda Owens from the Mt. Olive College. She presented us a real challenge on becoming "Fishers of Men" through various vocations in life. Three main points were:

(a.) Meet the Master through the experience of Salvation.
(b.) Be willing to give yourselves to Him.
(c.) Be willing to prepare for service.

Two students from Mt. Olive, Terry Dry and Lex Barrow gave their testomonies of why they had chosen their vocations of Christian Service. At noon an enjoyable meal was served by the host church. In the afternoon session an unusual film, "Signposts Aloft", was shown paralleling the faith pilots have in their instruments to that faith that we must have in God.

The Community Church league from Weldon were the recipients of the book,

"Treasure Chest" from the Convention for having the highest percentage of its league members present.

Our state treasurer, Mr. James McGhee closed the Convention with prayer.

Rayon Jones
(President)

Mattie Link
(Secretary) Mattie H. Link

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
December 7, 1968

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist League State Convention met on Saturday, December 7, 1968, at the Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N.C., with the following officers present: Raymond Jones, Vance Link, Mrs. Mattie Link, Miss Hilda Owens, James McGhee and Cedric Pierce.

Discussion was held concerning the Cramont Representatives, with the following action taken:

"In asmuch as all state league convention offices were declared vacant with the adoption of the 1967 constitution and the report of the 1967 nominating committee was adopted which named the following people as Cramont representatives:

Rev. C. H. Overman, term expiring 1970
Rev. Jack Mayo, term expiring 1969
Rev. Leonard B. Woodall, term expiring 1968

and whereas the Rev. Harold Jones was elected in 1968 to replace Rev. Leonard Woodall, and has since requested to be relieved from this position because of his preparation for the mission field, And whereas the Rev. C. H. Overman has declined to serve the rest of his term,

We the Executive Committee appointed by motion made by James McGhee, seconded by Vance Link, that The Rev. Raymond Jones replace Rev. Harold Jones with term expiring in 1971, and that Rev. Cedric Pierce replace C. H. Overman with term expiring in 1970.

As of December 7, 1968, our present representatives are:

Rev. Jack Mayo, term expiring 1969
Rev. Cedric Pierce, term expiring 1970
Rev. Raymond Jones, term expiring 1971

We adjourned with prayer by Vance Link

Rev. Raymond Jones, President
Mrs. Mattie Link, Recording Sec.

Minutes to an Executive Meeting
Jan. 18, 1969

The Executive Board of the State League Convention met on January 18 at Mount Olive College with the following members present:

President	The Reverand Raymon Jones
Vice-President	The Reverand Vance Link, Jr.
Treasurer	Mr. James McGhee
Promotional Secretary	Miss Hilda Owens
Member-at-Large	The Reverand Cedric Pierce, Jr.
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Mattie A. Link

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Reverand Vance Link.

Mr. McGhee reported a total of $221.82 in the treasury.

Our President told us that the 1969 State League Convention would be held on March 8 at Clayton.

We were told of a church calendar that the press is planning to prepare, in which we had been asked to participate.

The motion was made by Reverand Pierce and seconded by Mr. McGhee that we authorize our President to work with the press on the church calendar, to include whatever details he deemed necessary.

The motion was carried.

Miss Owens volunteered to use bulletins from Mt. Olive college for the state convention again this year.

In making our plans for the state convention, we discussed such things as:

1. the time to meet
2. the length of the convention
3. the theme for the convention
4. the type of sword drill to have
5. various speakers
6. type of program to be most effective

Realizing that we could not be specific until various people had been contacted, and realizing that many of these things would take time to work out, we decided to meet again on February 1, at 10 o'clock at Mt. Olive to make difinite plans.

Miss Owens reported that a committee had investigated the idea of getting a plaque for the winning league of the convention and that it would cost $75.00. We decided it would be best to award something other than a plaque.

The question was raised as to how our convention could help meet the needs of struggling leagues in various districts. It was pointed out that one of the recognized needs in our churches throughout the state is better trained laymen.

We concluded that the league have these problems:

1. Even though we need more trained laymen, we must interest laymen before we can train them.

2. Many of our purposes have been "swallowed up" by other organizations.

3. Many people do not want to go to church on Sunday night.

The motion was made by the Reverand Link and seconded by Mr. McGhee that we have a call meeting to discuss the role, function, and problems facing the Leagues in North Carolina. It was voted on and carried.

It was decided that each pastor, league director, and any other interested person would be invitedto attend the meeting and discuss the pro's and con's of the league. The meeting was set for February 22 at Mt. Olive College.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Miss Owens.

Reverand Raymon Jones, President
Mrs. Mattie Link, Recording Secretary

Mattie Link

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

February 1, 1969

On February 1, 1969, the Executive Board met to draw up plans for the March convention. Members present were:

President: the Rev. Raymon Jones
Promotional Secretary: Miss Hilda Owens
Treasurer: Mr. James McGhee

After the plans were made concerning the program for the state convention, it was decided that a study committee should be appointed at our convention, to study the role, function, and problems facing our leagues. (This will take the place of the meeting we had originally set for February 22 for the same purpose.)

The meeting was adjourned.

Raymon Jones, President
Mrs. Mattie Link, Recording Secretary

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The 1969 session of the North Carolina State Conof Free Will Baptist Leagues met with the Everett's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Clayton, North Carolina on March 8, 1969. The Keynote for the convention was "Every Free Will Baptist a leaguer, and the scripture, James 1:22.

Saturday Morning

The convention opened with congregational singing directed by Mr. James McGhee. Mrs. Vance Link served as pianist. Mr. Eddie Edwards lead in prayer. Deborah Hines from Piney Grove Leagues in Pitt County gave the devotion using 2 Timothy 2:15 as her subject.

Mrs. Clessie Pollard welcomed the convention to Clayton. Our president; the Reverend Rayon Jones responded and then gave the presidents remarks.

The following ministers were present:

The Rev. Jerry Rowe	The Rev. Walter Reynolds
The Rev. Vance Link	The Rev. Cedric Pierce
The Rev. James Lupton	The Rev. Eddie Edwards
The Rev. C.M. Coats	The Rev. Harold Jones
The Rev. Bobby Bazen	and the Rev. Raymond Jones.

Only 4 General Directors were present. It was remarked that there is no conflict of interest between the young and old. The league is for all - a training program for all.

Committees were appointed as follows:
Resolution: Mrs Virginia Ellis, Mrs. Alme to Harris and Mr. Ronnie Joyner.

Digest: Miss Linda Jones, The Rev. James Lupton, and Mrs Shirley Sellers.
Nominating: Mr. Tommy Manning, The Rev. C.M. Coats and Miss Debra Carawan.
Miss Judy Lupton of Winterville presented us special music as she sang "Aint Nobody Cares". The Reverend Vance Link of Enfield spoke on "The League As A Program." His central thoughts were "The What, the why , and the How of Leagues, using scriptures Matt. 6:33 and Col. 3:17. He closed with prayer.

The offeratory prayer wad made by Miss Becky Ingram and the offering was then taken.

After the congregational singing of "At Calvary" the Reverend Cedric D. Pierce Jr. reported on the Christian Cadet Conference at Cragment during the past June.

The Reverend Pierce reported a record attendance of 124 at the conference last summer. Emphasis was placed on the spiritual life. Many people dedicated their lives to Christ, with at least 40 decisions made. The theme was "Sailing with Christ."

A highlight of the conference was a burning anchor at the close of Friday nights' services. Then, Mr. Jones presented the $1,000 that our state leagues had raised for the chapel at Cragmont!

Vickie Jones from Toney Creek was selected as best-all-around camper and will recieve a free trip this year.

A financial report was given, and the date for the 1969 conference was announced for June 23-28. The theme for this year will be "Spirit Life on Spook Hill," with John 4:24 as the key scripture. The cost will be $35.

A motion was made and carried that the financial report be adopted and recorded in the minutes. (They are included at the end of these minutes.)

President Jones reminded us that May 15 has been designated as the time to pay off debt on Cragmont.

Mr. Frank Flowers was appointed to replace the Reverend C.M. Coats on the nominating committee because he had to leave.

Miss Hilda Owens presided in the Sword Drill contest. There were only two contestants:

> Ronnie Brown, representing the Second Central District Convention, and Debra Carawan, representing the Winterville Leagues.

The Reverend Jerry Rowe prayed the benediction and grace and we adjourned for lunch.

Saturday Afternoon

The afternoon session was opened with the singing of "Free Will Baptist Leaguers" to the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers," lead by state treasurer, Mr. McGee. Miss Debby Hines the state's youngest missionary candidate, lead in the singing of chourses.

The main feature for this part of the convention was a presentation given to us by Mr. Tommy Manning. Scripture used was Gen. 1:1,2.

Mr. Manning pointed out that we must try various techniques in getting the message across as we present our league programs. The league books are only guides not to be read word for word during league. We must not entertain alone, but capture attention and teach a spiritual lesson.

Mr. Manning captured the attention of the entire audience as he used pictures as a visual aid resource in telling the story of the "Tater" family. Members of this family were: Dick, Emma, Sweet, Agi, Spec, and Common.

Mr. James McGee and Mrs. Bobbie Holland sang "I Need No Mansions" as special music.

The minutes were read and corrections made. A motion was made and carried to approve the reading of the minutes.

The treasurers report was given as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT
North Carolina State League Convention
March 8, 1969

Balance Brought Forward, March 9, 1968	$1,194.08	
Received since March 9, 1968	564.91	
Total to account for		$1,758.99
Disbursements since March 9, 1968	$1,564.66	
Total as of March 8, 1969		$ 194.33
Outstanding checks as of March 8, 1969	$ 19.91	
Cash on hand, March 8, 1969		$ 174.42
Earmarked for State Project	119.68	
Total Working Capital, March 8, 1969		$ 54.74

A motion was made and carried to approve the reading of the treasurer's report.

The Resolutions Committee moved that we give a rising vote of appreciation of the Host church for the warm hospitality extended to the convention today. This was accepted and done by the convention.

The Digest Committee reported that :

LEAGUERS PRESENT: 89
CHURCHES REPRESENTING: 16
MINISTERS PRESENT: 11

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Certificates were in the possession of the corresponding secretary who could not be with us today, so no awards were made.

President Jones commented on the mid-year spiritual life convention and the study committee which the executive board has recommended. This study committee is to report their findings to the state convention. The study committee should do an intensive study of the past and present work of the league.

Their findings could greatly affect the future of our Leagues. When no-one but Mrs. Grace Jones would volunteer to work on this committee. The Reverend Jerry Rowe moved that the study committee be appointed by the executive committee. The motion was seconded. In the discussion that followed, the Revdrend Billy Yawn suggested that the study committee be appointed today by the convention. It was mentioned that for so important a task perhaps a committee would be more thoughtful in their selections than hasty nominations from the floor.

The minutes were referred to. The question was called. The motion carried.

We were asked for an invitation to a church for the 1969 mid-year spiritual convention.

The Reverend Bobby Ba[illegible]en moved that the outstanding camper award during conference have the full fee paid what ever that amount happened to be. The motion carried. The nominating committee recommended the following state of state offices.

President--Raymond Jones

Vice President--James McGhee

Recording Secretary--Mattie Lou Link

Corresponding Secretary--Molly Tart

Promotional Secretary--Debra Hines

Treasurer--Hilda Owens

Member at Large--Vance Link

and Representative of Cragmont Assembly Stock--Jerry Rowe.

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The convention voted to accept these as the new state offices.

Miss Hilda Owens moved that the intermediate sword drill be dropped and that a Junior sword drill with ages 9, 10, and 11 be adopted. The motion was carried. It was announced that Debra Carawan was the winner of the Bible Sword Drill contest today and Ronnie Brown was the runner up.

The motion was made by the Reverend Rowe that the state adopt the same project of raising $1000 for Cragmont as we had had before, and that the Promotional Secretary be in charge of this. It was voted on and carried.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. We sang a hymn and closed with the league benediction.

President, Raymond Jones

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Vance Link

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Christian Cadets' Conference, 1968
Financial Statement

Received:

Campers' Fees		$ 3,165.00	
Convention Winners		75.00	
Sword Drill Winner and Runner-up	45.00		
Best All-Around Camper	30.00		
Campers for Pictures		71.25	
Campers for Trip		64.80	
Convention treasury:			
Supplies and Postage		9.09	
Additional Conference Expenses		117.00	
Total Received			$3,502.14

Disbursements:

Cragmont Assembly (Room and Board)		$ 1,829.34	
Rouse Transportation Company (three buses)		1,200.00	
Trip Expenses (Ghost Town)		185.00	
Pictures (95)		71.25	
Eight Counsellors		80.00	
Director		35.00	
Automobile Transportation		70.00	
James McGhee	30.00		
C. D. Pierce Jr.	40.00		
Karen Swinger (Registration Refund)		5.00	
Miscellaneous Postage and Supplies		26.55	
Total Disbursements			$3,502.14

Balance on Hand $ 0.00

Minutes of the State Executive Board Meeting

February 7, 1970

Mount Olive College, Mount Olive N. C.

Mr. James McGee opened our meeting with prayer. The following members were present: The Reverend Raymond Jones, Mrs. Mollie Tart, Mr. James McGee, Miss Debbie Hines and The Reverend and Mrs. Vance W. Link, Jr.

Foremost on our agenda was a discussion on the planning of our state convention of leagues which will be held on March 7. Using our notes from previous conventions we decided to use the same time and general order that had been used before. The theme well be "Able Through Christ" with Phillipians 4:13 as the theme scripture. Piney Grove will be responsible for the welcome; Debra Hines will be in charge of the choruses and will get a piano player and also be in charge of the Sword drill; Mr. Tommy Manning will have the program; the Reverend Cedric Pierce will present the Christian Cadet Conference news; and a women's quartet from Free Union Church will be asked to provide the special music for the morning and afternoon.

After lunch, there will be an open forum as we try to consider all the pros and cons of the state league convention.

The Reverend Raymond Jones will write an article for the Free Will Baptist paper concerning the convention, inviting all interested persons to come and take part in the open forum.

The motion was made by Mr. McGee and seconded by the Reverend Link that the state executive board also serve as the study committee that was to have been appointed. Since this board represents a cross

section of the leagues in the state and had the interest of the league "at heart", the motion was voted on and carried.

Some of the obvious problems of the league are:

(1) Many churches have discontinued their leagues.

(2) Many youth conventions are scheduled close to the league conventions.

(3) The press is having financial difficulties maintaining league literature.

When we were reminded that the 1969 state league convention had set up the ages of 9-11 for the state Sword Drill, and that entries for the 1970 contest had been sent in by young people of the intermediate age, it was suggested that the contest be divided into a Junior Division and an Intermediate Division and that the number of points of the winners of each group be used to determine which contestant would be the state winner and which contestant, the runner up. As in previous years the award for the winner will be a free trip to Cragmont, and the runner up will receive half the cost of a trip to Cragmont.

The motion was made, seconded and passed that we recommend this to the state convention for legal action.

Community Church in Weldon is to be asked to host the convention if for any reason it cannot be held at Piney Grove Church near Greenville.

Our meeting was adjourned as Mrs. Tarte closed with prayer.

Mattie Lou Link, Secretary

EXECUTIVE MEETING APRIL 4, 1970

Of the State FWB League Convention

The executive committe met April 4, 1970 at Mount Olive College.

The meeting was opened with prayer by James McGhee. Rev. Raymond Jones, president presided over the meeting.

A motion was made to draft a questionaire to be mailed to each church in the State Convention with a stamped, self addressed envelope for returning to our committe. The purpose to find out how many leagues we have, Secretary, League director, pastor, and number of league members in the state. This information would be used for mailing out convention reports and promotions.

A state wide league week was discussed for one week in October. Exact time to be announced later, with emphasis on attendance, special programs, socials, and special recognition for the leaders of each local league. Plans for this to be published and promoted in the Free Will Baptist paper.

Discussion was made concerning organizing a tract club in our leagues. It was decided that we needed more information on this.

The committe decided to order stationary with the League name and emblem printed on it for mailing out convention report forms and promotional materials.

President Jones expressed a desire for one of the committe members to attend each of our state and district conventions and union meetings to promote league work.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Hilda Owens.

Committe members present

Raymond Jones, Pres.

James McGhee, V. Pres.

Hilda Owens, Treas.

Mollie Tart, Corr. Sec.

1970 State Convention Minutes

The 1970 session of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues met with the Community Free Will Baptist Church, Weldon, North Carolina, on March 8, 1970. The keynote for the convention was "Able Through Christ," Scripture, Philippians 4:13.

Saturday Morning

The convention opened with congregational singing directed by Miss Deborah Hines with Mrs. Vance Link, pianist. The Reverend Austin Carter offered the invocation prayer. Leigh Sweat of Community Church gave the devotion using Philippians 4:13 as the scripture.

Phyllis Sweat of the local church welcomed the convention and Mrs. Doris McGee Unity Church, responded.

The following committees were appointed:
Digest: Mrs. Molly Tart, Mrs. Grace Jones, and Alice Futrell.
Resolutions: Rubby Yates, Ann Tart, and Jenifer Jones.

A report was read by the President concerning the findings of the study committee on leagues in our state with a recommendation to discontinue the state league convention. The motion was made by James McGee and seconded by Reverend Robert May to lay this on the table for at least three hours. The motion carried.

Special music was rendered by the Unity Church Quartet.

A most interesting talk was given by Mr. Tommy Manning, concerning life's Precious Jewels.

The Reverend Walter Reyolds lead in prayer after the service of giving. This was followed by the hymn "Are Ye Able."

In the absence of the Reverend C. D. Pierce, Jr., our President gave a report on the Christian Cadet Conference at Cragmont.

Miss Deborah Hines directed the Intermediate and Junior Sword Drills. Gayla Corbett of Winterville won the Junior Contest, which consisted of eight participan and Sandra Knight of Community won the Intermediate Contest, which consisted of fi participants.

Afternoon Session

The meeting opened with the singing of choruses.

The motion was made by Miss Hilda Owens that we follow the recommendations of the Executive Committe concerning the Bible Sword Drill, calling for one winner an one runner up. This was seconded and then laid on the table.

Since the conference of last year had moved to withdraw the Intermediates from the Sword Drill, and since we had had five contestants the motion was made by the Reverend Walter Reynolds to have two groups in the Bible Sword Drill: a Junior Divisi and an Intermediate Division, and that the winner of the entire contest would be the one with the highest number of points. The motion was carried.

Since today the winner from each division scored the same number of points, Mr. McGee made the motion to omit a runoff and let both division winners be given full expenses for the conference at Cragmont. This motion also passed.

Members from the Christian Chapel were recognized and given a special welcome.

Reverend Reynolds moved that we postpone our decision on the recommendations of the study committee until next year and that a concentrated effort of the executive committee be made and presented to the convention next year. This was voted on and passed.

The minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Miss Hilda Owens in which the balance on hand is $561.14. (The full report is included at the end of these minutes.)

The Digest Committee reported that there were seventy-two people present at the meeting today, representing eleven churches and with the following ministers present:

The Reverend Ed Niles
The Reverend Walter Reynolds
The Reverend Austin Carter
The Reverend Robert May
The Reverend Raymond Jones
The Reverend Vance Link
The Reverend Norman Jones

The motion of the resolutions committee to give the host church and the executi officers a rising vote of thanks was passed and carried out.

The following awards were presented:

Story Hour---Community Church
Juniors---Piney Grove Church
Seniors---Winterville Church
Adult---Community Church

The convention adjourned with prayer.

Raymond E. Jones, President
Mattie H. Link, Recording Secretary

Financial Statement From March 8, 1969 To March 6, 1970
North Carolina State League Convention

Assets	Amounts	
Chapel Fund	$229.27	
Quarterly Offerings	57.60	
Miscellaneous	114.90	
Total Received Since 1969 Convention		$401.77
Balance Brought Forward on March 8, 1969		
Chapel Fund	$251.21	
Quarterly Offerings	54.74	
Miscellaneous	.00	
Total Brought Forward on March 8, 1969		$305.95
Total Assets		$707.72

Liabilities

1969 Convention Mailing Expenses	$ 18.80	
1969 Sword Drill Winner--Cragmont	35.00	
1969 Sword Drill Runner Up--Cragmont	17.50	
1969 Best All Round Camper--Cragmont	35.00	
Memo Paper for Raymond Jones	5.87	
Disbursements by James McGee From March 8, 1969 to April 1969	34.41	
Total Liabilities Between March 1969 and March 6, 1970		$146.58
Balance On Hand and On Deposit at Southern Bank and Trust Co., Mt. Olive, N. C. On March 6, 1970		$561.14

NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUES

"THE TRAINING BRANCH OF THE CHURCH"

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Nov. 21, 1970

The executive committee of the N. C. State Convention of FWB Leagues met November 21, 1970, at Mt Olive College.

Committee members pres ent were, Rev. Raymond Jones, James McGhee, Debra King, and Mollie Tart.

The meeting was opened with prayer by James McGhee. Rev. Jones presided over the business session. A motion was passed to accept the league questionaire and letter as presented. These are to be printed and mailed to all Free Will Baptist Churches in the State.

The 1971 Convention was discussed concerning reporting, advertis ing, entertainment, etc. Final decisions xxx to be made xxxxxxxx at the next meeting. Debra King was selected as music director for the convention. The host church will furnish a pianist. The convention theme "Christ is the Answer".

A motion was p assed for the Rev. Raymond Jones to be director of the Chris tian Cadets Conference for 1971 with Rev. Jack Mayo as assistant.

A Motion was passed for there to be a first and second xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx place winner in the sword drill competition, with the age group being 9 thru 12.

The league study committee decided to rest on its investigation of league possibilities for the state until further instruction from the convention.

Debra King closed the meeting with prayer.

Mollie Tart, Cor. Sec.

Minutes

The officers of the State League Convention met at Mount Olive College January 23, 1971 at 10:00.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Happenings for the Convention:

Music: Northern Crusaders from Northern Church
A. F. C. 's from Piney Grove Church

Chalk talk to be given by Mrs. Mattie lou Link

The State Convention will be March 13, 1971 with registration beginning at 9:30. The convention will begin at 10:00.

The Key Note --- The young people in Today's Society

Theme- Christ is the Answer

The devotion will be given by the Winterville League

Sword Drill Contest

Welcome will be given by Piney Grove Church

Response will be given by Mount Tabor

A film will be shown in the afternoon session

There was a motion made that until the State Convention in March the necessaryexpenses be borrowed from ear-marked funds and payed back by the time of the Convention

There was a motion made and second to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was dismissed with Prayer.

Deborah King

Members present - Raymond Jones
Hilda Owens
Mrs Hart
Deborah King
James McRae

1971 Minutes

The 1971 session of the North Carolina State Convention of the Free Will Baptist Leagues met with the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina on March 13, 1971. The Keynote for the convention was "Young People In Todays Society"; Scripture, John 8:12 and the theme, "Christ Is The Answer."

The meeting was opened by the state president the Reverend Rodney Jones. The congregation was lead in the conventional hymn "Onward Christian Leaguers" by Mrs. Debbie King.

The Reverend Cedric Pierce from the Children's Home prayed the invocation, after which the group joined together in the singing of a few choruses.

Devotions were given by the talented Gayla Corbett of the Winterville League as a ventriloquist. Miss from Piney Grove League gave us the welcome and Miss Aileen Moore from Mount Tabor League responded.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Digest: Mrs. Molly Tart, Mrs. Gracie Jones and Mrs. Aileen Moore

Nominating: Mrs. Alice Webster, Mrs. Leah McGlohon and Mr. Herbert Jones.

Resolutions: Mr. Clyde Hines, Mrs. Alice Futrell, and Mr. Oscar Webster.

Mr. Pierce brought us news from the Childrens Home.

The morning message was presented in the form of a chalk talk given by Mrs. Vance Link of Community League. Her topic was "The Challenge of the Lighthouse."

The Christian Cadet Conference report was given and it was announced that the theme for the 1971 conference would be "Christ Adelic" (made visible through Christ) with the Reverend Jack Mayo and the Reverend Raymond Jones as the camp directors.

As the convention entered into the business session the minutes of

the last convention and of all the executive meetings. The minutes were read and approved. The Treasure's report was adopted by motion.

The State League Convention project was discussed. The project was a chapel fund of $2000.

The Bible Sword Drill Contest was conducted with four contestants.

The following awards were given:

Adult Class - Winterville League

Teenage Class - Winterville League

Primary Class - Mount Tabor League

Story Hour Class - Winterville League

The morning session was closed as the Host Pastor, the Reverend Adrian Grubbs lead in prayer for the dinner meal.

The Afternoon Session

Special music was given by the A.F.C. Choir of Piney Grove Church.

During a short business meeting following reports were given.

Resolutions Committee Report

We resolve that a rising vote of thanks be extended the host church, Piney Grove for the warm welcome and delicious meal given us today and to Mrs. Link for her part on the morning program. The resolutions report was adopted.

Nominations Committee Report

President - Raymond Jones

Vice-President - James McGee 310 Southerland St. Durham

Treasurer - Miss Leah McGlohon P.O Box 2 Winterville, N. C. 28590

Promotional Secretary - Mrs. Judy Conner Route 2 Deep Run, N. C.

Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. Mary Sweat 1140 Jefferson St. Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Recording Secretary - Mrs. Betty Ard Route 1 Ayden, N. C. 28513

Member at Large - The Reverend Vance Link

Mrs. Gracie Jones moved that we accept the state of officers as given.

The motion was adopted.

Cragmont Representatives

1. Jerry Rowe - 1972
2. Oscar Webster - 1973
3. Clyde Hines - 1974

MRs. Gracie Jones moved that we accept the slate of officers as given. The motion was adopted.

Digest Report

Total Churches represented	18
By letter	5
By delegate	13
Convention Offering	$24.45
Ministers	9
Delegates	27
Visitors	64
TotalsPresent	100
Convention Donations	$109.00

The report was accepted by motion. Mr. James McGee moved that we continue the state project until we reach $1000 for the chapel fund at Cragmont. The motion was passed.

The winners for the State Bible Sword Drill were :

1st Place - Sharon Humphrey, Route 1 Deep Run, N.C. 28525

2nd Place - Deborah Smith, Route 2, Box 127, Deep Run, N.C. 28525

Ministers Present were

Rev. Raymond E. Jones	Rev. C. D. Pierce, Jr.
Rev. Vance Link	Rev James Lupton
Rev. Wayne King	Rev. L. B. Manning
Rev. Adrian Grubbs, Jr.	Rev. Kemery Ard
Rev. Leon Grubbs	

The convnetion was closed with an inspiring movie entitled "Without Onions!"

Total Money - $133.45

The Rev. Raymond Jones, President
Mrs. Mattie H. Link, Recording Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT
NORTH CAROLINA STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE CONVENTION

On Deposit in the Southern Bank and Trust Company, Mount Olive, North Carolina, March 12, 1971

$687.52

RECEIVED	
Quarterly Offerings	$173.07
Miscellaneous	229.13
Subtotal	$402.20
Cragmont Project	$653.91
Total Received	$1,056.11

DISBURSEMENTS	
Miscellaneous	$368.59

BALANCE ON HAND MARCH 12, 1971 $687.52
($653.91 of the $687.52 is earmarked for the project.)

(This report includes all monies handled since I became treasurer on March 8, 1969.)

Hilda F. Owens
Treasurer

Jan. 15, 1972

Minutes of the Executive Committee
of the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist League Convention

The Executive Committee met at Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Belvoir, on January 15, 1972, at 10:00 a.m. The following members were present:

Rev. Raymond Jones -- President
Mr. James McGee
Mrs. Mary Sweat
Miss Leah McGlohon
Mrs. Mattie Link for Vance Link
Mrs. Betty Ard

The meeting was called to order followed by prayer by Mr. McGee.

The motion was made by Mr. McGee that we ask Rev. Raymond Jones and ~~Rev. Jack Mayo~~ to be the directors of the Christian Cadets Conference at Cragmont. It was voted on and carried.

Miss Leah McGlohon gave the treasurer's report with a total of $210.62 of which $124.62 is set aside for the project, leaving a total of $85.99 in the treasury.

It was discussed that few churches were supporting the State Project of raising $1000.00 for the Chapel Fund. Mrs. Link was asked to write an article concerning this project for the paper.

Miss McGlohon made the motion and it was seconded that each league be requested to bring $25.00 to the conference for the project.

The motion was made by Mr. McGee and seconded that the free trips given to the winners of the Bible Sword Drill Contest and the Best All Round Camper be designated as Christian Cadet's Conference.

Plans were then made for the March Convention.

The theme "The Personal Christ" was chosen, using Galatians 2:20 as the Scripture text.

Rev. Jack Mayo will be asked to give the report of the Christian Cadet's Conference.

Mrs. Margaret Ard will be asked to be in charge of chorus time and Marla Ard asked to be the musician for our Convention.

Devotions are to be provided by Elm Grove League. The Welcome is to be given by Free Union, and Winterville is to give the Response. Special Music will be given, followed by a skit by Community FWB Church.

The Rev. Dewayne Eakes will be asked to give news of Cragmomt. For the afternoon session a singing conference was suggested. All Churches are invited to participate in this. However, certain groups of singers will also be invited.

The meeting was adjourned. We were dismissed by prayer by Rev. Jack Mayo.

Rev. Raymond Jones President

Mrs. Betty Ard Secretary

Mrs. Betty Ard

Treasurer's Report

North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues

Balance Received From Hilda Owens, Former Treasurer, May 20, 1971		#777.81
Amount Received		
Late Convention Contribution	#5.00	
10% of Weekly Offerings	59.59	
Subtotal (General Fund)	64.59	
Cragmont Project	176.63	
Total Received		241.22
Total for Which to Account		#1,019.03
Disbursements		
Sheron Humphrey - Sword Drill Winner	#37.00	
Deborah Smith - Sword Drill Runnerup	18.50	
Judy Cooper - Best All Around Camper	37.00	
Cragmont Assembly for Chapel Fund	653.91	
Total Disbursements		746.41
Balance on Hand on Deposit in The Bank of Winterville, Winterville, North Carolina, March 11, 1972		#272.62

Balance in General Fund	#95.99
Balance in Cragmont Chapel Fund	176.63
Total	#272.62

Leah McGlohon, Treasurer

401.60 Cragmont fund

Jan. 13, 1973

~~Executive~~

The executive Board of the League met Saturday, Jan. 13, 1973 10:00 a.m. at the Glen Swamp Pine Hill Baptist Church. Evansville, Ind. Meeting called to order by the Rev. Jones. ~~Devotional by Rev. Jones with prayer.~~

Those present: James McGee
Raymond Jones
Leah McGlothen
Vance Kirk
Jack Mayo
Mary Lenart (Miss Kathy Lenart, member)

The meeting was opened in prayer by the Rev. Vance Kirk. There was a discussion of a place to host the convention. The date - March the 10th

The Rev. Vance Kirk suggested for the convention to have a missionary speech - will be missionary speaker for the morning & a film for the afternoon.

All agreed.

The scripture chosen was Acts 1:8

The time schedule was worked out:

Registration 9:30

*(~~Devotional at the first meeting, the time period was~~)

Mrs. McGlothen for the treasury report $ 334.00

She also stated that the paper has been completed. Recap included for this year as Corporate Registration and Blue Note in 1974.

The Rev. Joe Farrow was to be conductor & he
the speaker for the morning service.
Several Missionary Items were rendered
with a collection & "Angel Voices ever Blessed"
if ~~possible~~ available. The Rev. Farrow said
was asked to lead in the discussion &
possible questions on the text which is in the
hearts & minds of others who will have just
the call of God to the mission fields in the afternoon
Mrs. Norman Reed - Song Leader
Pianist - Nat Church
Rev Jones - to prepare Bulletins have last year.

Peggy Jones (Agnes Shaw a word did mean) did
not attend the Negro Conference.

The Need was brought before the group for a Director
for Christian Center Conference. The Nominations
Nominated the Rev. Raymond Jones - with the
Rev. Joe Mayo to help - voted & passed.

The Nominations - said we needed another Asst Pastor
since the other one was completed.
It was suggested that the Committee choose the
proper but we need to suggest one to them.
A Mission prayer was suggested.

Dismal things were suggested.
I made to understand the offence of Tumultuous
from Music (Communication passed)
Mr. Ole Rose, Name Dear was asked to
that it was, perhaps a personal Mark,
that the State League Committee Could
help to Mark, and to found a Copy the
Committee

Mr. Mabie Mark that we Rejoined

1973 MINUTES

The North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues met on March 10, 1973 at Gray Brach Free Will Baptist Church, Deep Run, N. C. The Convention themewas "Till the Whole World Knows" with the scripture text taken from Acts 1:8.

Registration began at 9:30. The Convention was opened by the singing of choruses led by the music director, Mrs. Marganret Ard. Marla Ard was the Convention pianist.

Mrs. Mollie Tart rendered an inspiring devotion using Acts 4:13 as her scripture text. She spoke of winnming souls through Bible study and prayer life. Mrs. Mattie Lou Link led in prayer.

We were welcomed to the host church by their pastor, the Rev. W. H. Willis. The response was given by the Rev. Rod Jones. The Rev. Frank Ray Harrison represented our college with an interesting display of materials. The Rev. Raymond Jones used the theme scripture text as he gave the president's remarks.

The committees were then appointed as follows:

Digest: Mrs. Mary Sweat, Mrs. Charlotte Griffin, ~~Mrxxxx~~ Mr. Joseph Williams

Resolutions: Mrs. Mary C. Jones, Mr. Melvin Whitehurst, Timmy Jefferies

Nominating: Mrs. Molly Tart, Mrs. Aileen Moore, Kathy Sweat

The scretary's report was red and approved. Mrs. Leah McLawhorn gave the treasurer's report which was adopted by motion. The Durham church extended an invitation to meet with them on March 9, 1974.

The business sesstion began with the discussion of the state project. It was suggested that since the Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link were going to serve as missionaries to Mexico and they were going to send out a newsletter, that the convention have a communications project. The motion was made by Mrs. Leah McLawhorn that we accept a project of providing a folding machine for the Links. This project was voted on and passed. Mrs. Margaret Ard suggested that each League set its own goal and send all they can. The Gum Swamp FRee Will Baptist League presented special music. The Rev. Jack Mayo talked about the Christian Cadets Conference.

The convention offering was received.

The Bible Sword Drill Director, Mrs. Judy Connor, led the contestants in an exciting search for scripture and reference. Twenty contestants participated in the sword drill. Contestant No. 7, Miss Burma Steimex from Gray

Branch Free Will Baptist Church won first prize and a paid trip to Cragmont. Mr. Scott Dowdy from Durham was second place winner. He won half ax of a trip to Cragmont. Afterwards, ~~thexx~~ we had special music from the Jones family.

The Rev. Joe Barrow was the Convention speaker. He spoke of sharing ~~xxx~~ experiences on the mission field. His text was ~~taken~~ from Mark 5. After enjoying this inspiring message, the Convention was dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon session began with the singing of choruses, again led by Mrs. Ard. The girls trio from Christian Chapel sang, followed by the youth choir. Committe reports were as follows:

Digest:

Churches Represented:	20
Delegates Present:	40
Visitors Present:	180
Ministors Present:	9
Total Convention Number	229

The morning offering was $330.75

Resolutions: We resolve:

1. That we return to our respective Leagues with a greater desire to do our best to make our Leagues stronger in spirit and number during the coming year.
2. To give a rising vote of thanks and appreciation to our officers and all who participated in planning this day and to all who took part in the program.

3. To give this church , Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church, a rising vote of thanks and appreciation for the splendid way they have entertained this Convention.

Mary C. Jones, Chairman

Melvin Whitehurst

Timmy Jefferies

Nominating:

The same officers were asked to serve again. The new member at large is Mrs. Molly Tart. ~~Mrs.~~

Mrs. Charlotte Griffin replaced Mr. Oscar Webster as our representative to Cragmonth.

The motion was made by Mrs. Leah McLawhorn to send $300.00 to Cragmont for the Kitchen Fund. The motion was passed.

Certificates were awarded to:

Adult League: Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, N. C.

Junior League: Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, N. C.

Senior League: Seriecta Free Will Baptist Church, Kenansville, N. C.

Storyhour: Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville, N. C.

Primary: Serecta Free Will Baptist Church, Kenansville, N. C.

Best Reported League: Serecta Free Will Baptist Church, Kenansville, N. C.

The Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link presented themselves to the Convention as future missionaries to Mexico. The Convention was inspired by a film which told the story of five missionaries who gave their ~~lixxxx~~ lives. Mattie spoke of her apprehensions. She used scripture taken from Acts 20:24. Vance spoke from Acts 16:6. We wish the Links much success and send our prayers with them as they endeavor to serve God through mission work in Mexico.

The Convention was adjourned by the praying of the League benediction.

Mrs. Betty Ard, Recording Secretary

Rev. Raymond Jones, President

Note: Mr. Clyde Hines goes off as Cragmont representative in 1974.

North Carolina [illegible]e Convention of
Free Will B[illegible]st Leagues

Treasurer's Report

Balance Brought Forward March 11, 1972		$ 272.62
Amount Received		
Contributions to 1972 Convention	$ 75.00	
Offering at 1972 Convention	57.26	
Project - Chapel for Cragmont	293.15	
10% of Weekly Offerings	213.49	
Total Received		632.90
Total for Which to Account		$905.52

Disbursements:

Cragmont Assembly - Chapel Fund	$ 469.78	
Christian Cadet Conference for Awards (Sheron Humphrey, Peggy Jones, and Best-All-Around Camper)	92.50	
Mileage to Executive Committee Meeting	23.66	
Film Rental - "Through Gates of Splendor"	15.61	
Total Disbursements		601.55
Balance on Hand March 10, 1973		$303.97

Leak McGlohon
Treasurer

March 9, 1974

9:30 Registration

At 10:00 the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham, Rev. O.B. Jones, Pastor. We began with the singing of choruses under the direction of James McGhee. The devotions of the morning were given by the Mt. Tabor Church. First Church welcomed us all to their church and Rev. Jack Mayo responded.

The president, Rev. Rod Jones then welcomed everyone himself and appointed the committees for the convention. The business meeting was then opened and due to the absense of the recording secretary, there were no minutes. Ms. Leah McGlohon gave the treasurer report. It was approved as read.

Again we were led in choruses by Mrs. Margaret Ard and Ms. Marla Ard followed by the Christain Cadets Conference. Cragmont report given by Mrs. Linda Chambers. A look backward and a forward look to the '74 conference. The president followed the report with comments of his own concerning Cragmont and cordially invited all to attend.

The convention then observed the service of giving followed by more choruses and the State Sword Drill under the direction of Mrs. Judy Conner. There were two divisions of the Sword Drill, Junior and Intermediate, and there was a winner and a runner up in each group. The winners and runners up were Junior Winner: Tina Hines - Deep Run Runner Up: Lou Griffin - Durham and in the Intermediate group, Winner: Nonie Steimetz - Deep Run, Runner Up: Pam Stroud - Aspen Grove.

The quartet "The Four In Christ" then gave a musical presentation which was a blessing to all followed by an altar call. Several hearts were touched and several responded to the invitation.

First Church gave information concerning lunch. The blessing asked and we dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon session began with the singing of choruses led by Mrs. Margaret Ard. The report from the executive board. They presented only one recomendation. Motion was made and passed to increase the executive boards mileage to and from their meetings from the present 7¢ a mile to 12¢ a mile.

Our representative of Cragmont stock, Clyde Hine's term expired. Motion made and carried that he be re-elected to the position.

Report made by the treasurer that we lacked $111.00 on our 1973 project. Motion made and carried to complete the project from the treasury.

The floor was then left open for suggestions for the new 1974 project. Motion made and passed to undertake the raising of $500.00 for the Cragmont Building Fund for our new project.

The leagues winning the certificates were announced and the certificates will be mailed.

The Digest committee reported 162 visitors, 19 delegates, 4 ministers, and 13 leaders. Convention offering totaled $337.12. Report accepted.

The report from the Resolution committee was then given.

Resolutions:
1. That our faithful teenagers endeavor to work in their individual churches for stronger Adult League classes.

2. That we start now to work for a bigger convention in 1975.

3. That we give a rising vote of thanks to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham for the gracious hospitality shown to us today. The report was accepted.

The motion was made and carried to give the two runners ups in the sword drill $10.00 each toward their trip to Cragmont.

We then had an afternoon of Singspiration under the direction of Mr. James McGhee. Several churches were represented in the singspiration. After which we sang our League theme song and dismissed with our League Benediction.

North Carolina State Convention
of Free Will Baptist Leagues

Treasurer's Report
March 9, 1974

Balance Brought Forward March 10, 1973		$303.97
Amount Received		
Contributions to 1973 Convention	$237.25	
Offering at 1973 Convention	71.25	
Project - Cragmont	25.00	
Project - Links Communication	370.50	
10% of Weekly Offerings	158.25	
Total Received		862.25
Total for Which to Account		$1,166.22
Disbursements:		
Cragmont Assembly Kitchen Fund	300.00	
Christian Cadet Conference For Awards (Sword Drill Winners and Best-All-Around Camper)	92.50	
Links Communication Project	365.00	
Secretarial Supplies, Bulletins, Phone Calls, Postage	30.41	
Secretarial Expense for 1974 Convention	15.00	
Mileage to Executive Committee Meeting	18.90	
Total Disbursements		821.81
Balance on Hand March 9, 1974		$ 344.41
Balance in General Fund	$338.91	
Balance in Links Communication Project	5.50	
	$344.41	

Leah McGlohon, Treasurer

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of FWB Leagues met January 18, 1975 at the Winterville FWB Church.

Committee members present were Rev. Raymond Jones, Miss Leah McGlohon, Mrs. Mollie Tart, and Rev. Jack Mayo, proxy.

Rev. Jones, president, ~~xxkxxx~~presided over the meeting. Opening prayer by Rev. Jack Mayo. The Sword drill was discussed and the committe decided to have separate drills with the Intermediate and Junior divisions. The 1st place winner of each division will recieve a free trip to the Christion Cadet Conference at Cragmont and the runnerups in each division receiving ½ the cost of the trip. These prizes are for the encampment only and does not include pictures, tickets or other personal expenses.

Rev. Raymond Jones was voted as Director of the 1975 Christian Cadet Conference.

The 1975 Conventionwas planned with Rev. Wayne & Debra King in charge of the morning program. A singspiration was planned for the afternoon with Miss Leah McGlohon as director.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Jones.

MINUTES

March 8, 1975

The North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues met at the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina, on Saturday, March 8, 1975, at 10 a.m. The Reverend Raymond E. Jones presided.

"Nothing Is Impossible with God," based on Luke 1:37, was the convention theme; and "Nothing Is Impossible" was the theme song.

The convention was opened with chorus singing directed by Mrs. Deborah King, with Mrs. Debby Gray serving as pianist. Several members of the Ready Branch Leagues presented an inspirational devotional about the Crucifixion, which was followed by the welcome by the Winterville Leagues.

After a few challenging remarks by the president, he appointed the following committees:

Digest Committee - Mrs. Aileen Hawley, Donna Phelps, and Mrs. Mary Sweat

Resolution Committee - The Rev. W. H. Willis, Priscilla Sexton, and Mrs. Steinmetz

Nominating Committee - Clyde Hines, Billy Suggs, and Eleanor Moore

Another period of chorus singing followed. Then Mrs. Linda Chambers gave a report of the 1974 Christian Cadets Conference at Cragmont. The convention offering was then received.

Mrs. Judy Conner directed the Sword Drill for juniors and intermediates. Winners in the junior division were as follows: first place, Anita Lloyd of Pleasant Hill League, and second place, Leticia McCoy of Aspen Grove League. Teena Hines of Gray Branch League was winner in the intermediate division, and Lisa Bland of Community League was runner-up. The winners will receive a trip to the Christian Cadet Conference,

and the second place winners will receive one-half of their expense for the Conference.

Before the morning message Mrs. Deborah King sang "Now I Belong to Jesus" and gave her testimony as a missionary candidate. The Reverend Wayne King then brought an inspiring message on missions.

The convention was adjourned for lunch which was served at the Winterville Community Building.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Recovening at 1:00 o'clock, the convention was again opened by chorus singing, followed by the business session.

After the reading of the minutes by the secretary, the treasurer, Miss Leah McGlohon, gave the following treasurer's report:

Balance Brought Forward March 9, 1974		$344.41
Amount Received		
Contributions to 1974 Convention	$180.50	
Offering at 1974 Convention	38.55	
Project - Links Communication	98.00	
10% of Weekly Offerings	160.55	
Total Received		477.60
Total for Which to Account		$822.01
Disbursements:		
Four-in-Christ Honorarium	$100.00	
Links Communication Project	235.00	
Best-All-Around Camper and Sword Drill Winners	140.00	
Raymond Jones for Bulletins, Postage, Phone Calls	9.35	
Christian Cadet Conference Deficit	131.35	
Certificates	17.11	

Executive Mileage Expense	9.96	
Secretarial Expenses	15.00	
Total Disbursements		657.77
Balance on Hand March 8, 1975		$164.24

In the Digest Committee Report, Mrs. Aileen Hawley reported that approximately 150 people were present at the convention and that the following Leagues had the best reports for the year: Story Hour League, Sidney Church; Junior League, Mt. Zion Church of Roper; Teenage League, Mt. Zion Church of Roper; and Adult League, Davis Church. Certificates were awarded to these leagues.

The Reverend W. H. Willis presented a resolution of appreciation to the host church for their hospitality. The congregation responded with a rising vote of thanks.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers which was adopted by motion:

President - The Reverend Jack Mayo

Vice-President - Lloyd Jones Jr.

Recording Secretary - Mrs. Betty Ard

Corresponding Secretary - Miss Alice Lynn Hines

Treasurer - Miss Leah McGlohon

Member at Large - Mrs. Mollie Tart

Promotional Secretary - Mrs. Judy Conner

Representative to Cragmont - Raymond Jones, 1978 (Clyde Hines, 1977, Mrs. Charlotte Griffin, 1976)

Community Leagues of Weldon extended an invitation for the 1976 convention to meet with them.

A Singspiration under the direction of Leah McGlohon followed. Among those participating were the Christian Chapel youth, the Gospel Chargers

of Winterville, Linda Hines of Winterville, Mrs. Deborah King, and others.

The meeting was concluded with the singing of the theme song and the League song, "Onward Christian Leaguers," which was followed by the League Benediction.

The Reverend Raymond Jones, President
Leah McGlohon, Secretary Pro Tem

MINUTES OF

THE

NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUES

March 13, 1976

The North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues met with the Community Free Will Baptist Church, Weldon, North Carolina, on Saturday, March 13, 1976, at 10 a.m. The Reverend Jack Mayo presided.

Commemorating the bicentennial of our country, the program theme of the convention was "1776-1976--His Banner Over Us Was Love," based on the Scripture: "He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me is love" (Song of Solomon 2:4). The theme song was "God Bless America."

The convention was opened with the singing of the theme song and some choruses led by Mrs. Margaret Ard, accompanied by Mrs. Cynthia Smith, pianist. The Crusaders of Winterville gave the devotional, consisting of comments by Tim Divinney and the song, "Statue of Liberty."

Mrs. Bernice Lewter welcomed the convention to the Community Church, and Mrs. Mollie Tart responded to the welcome.

A short business period followed in which the president appointed the following committees:

Digest Committee--Alice Lynn Hines, Alice Porch, and Mrs. Mollie Tart.

Resolutions Committee--Clyde Hines, Lloyd Jones Jr., and Wanda Sweat.

Since the minutes of the executive meeting were not available due to the absence of the secretary, Mr. Mayo stated that the committee had discussed the question of whether a league should receive a certificate if not present at the convention. Judy Moore moved that in order for a league to be eligible for a certificate someone from the general league must be present at the convention. The motion was seconded and carried.

Clyde Hines, a representative for the convention on the Cragmont Assembly Board, gave a progress report on Cragmont. He reported that the result of the survey made of the churches showed that the majority of the churches wanted to build a new building instead of renovating the old building. The popular vote was seventy percent in favor of a new building. Therefore, a contractor was now in the process of planning a new building incorporating as much of the plan of the old as feasible--such as the old fireplace, porch, etc. Doug Skinner is to be the camp manager this summer.

Mrs. Diane Riley of Mount Olive College made some announcements concerning coming events at the College. She reported that applications were fifty percent above last year and urged that interested young people should get their applications in by Mary 1; otherwise they might have to be put on a waiting list. High School Day will be held Saturday, March 20; and

Report of Digest Committee

Number registered - 175
Number of ministers present - 4
Number of leagues reporting - 18
Number of churches present - 13
Amount Received at Convention:

Contributions	$95.00
10 Percent of Weekly Offerings	18.75
State Project (Cragmont)	665.00
Convention Offering	33.85
Total Received	$812.60

Certificates awarded to
Story Hour - Christian Chapel
Junior - Owens Chapel
Teenage - Winterville
Adult - Mt. Zion, Roper

By Committee:
Alice Lynn Hines, Chairman
Mollie Tart
Alice Porch

Report of Resolutions Committee

1. Resolved, that we convey our appreciation to the Community Church for its hospitality shown during this convention by a rising vote of thanks.

2. Resolved, that we continue our project for the Cragmont Building Fund with a suggested goal of $1,000.

3. Resolved, that we request the president to have League emblems and pins on display at the conventions.

By Committee:
Clyde Hines, Chairman
Lloyd Jones Jr.
Wanda Sweat

The Reverend Jack Mayo was elected as representative on Cragmont Board. His term will expire in 1979.

The next convention will convene with Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church on March 12, 1977.

Miss Leah McGlohon directed a period of Singspiration. The groups which took part were as follows: the Crusaders of Winterville, a combined group of teenage and adult choir members of Winterville, the Aspen Grove Youth Choir, the Christian Chapel Youth Choir, young people of Mt. Zion, and the youth choir and quartet from Sound Side.

The convention was adjourned with the singing of the League song, "Onward Christian Leaguers," and the League benediction.

The Reverend Jack Mayo, President
Leah McGlohon, Secretary Pro Tem

the Christian Music Festival will be held at Eagles Nest Conference Center on Saturday, May 1.

Another period of Chorus singing was led by Mrs. Ard, followed by the Sword Drill directed by Mrs. Judy Conner. The leaguers showed themselves quite adept at finding the Scriptures. The winner in the junior division was Jan Ellis of Community; runnerup was Wendy Stallings of Christian Chapel. Tina Hines of Gray Branch won in the intermediate division; Patricia Jones of Mt. Zion won second place. Winners will receive an expense-paid trip to the Christian Cadet Conference at Cragmont, and second place winners will receive one half of their expenses.

The Reverend Raymond Jones gave a report of last summer's Christian Cadet Conference and urged early registration for the conference this summer.

During the morning worship period an offering was received, after which a program on the convention theme was presented by St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church of New Bern. The Reverend Raymond Jones opened the program with the reading of Scripture. Mrs. Diane Riley directed a chorus of young people in singing a number of songs interpersed by commentary on our country's heritage.

The convention was dismissed for lunch by prayer and thanksgiving for the food, which was served by the host church at the fellowship hall of the Missionary Baptist Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvening at one o'clock, the afternoon session was opened by chorus singing.

A business period followed. The minutes as recorded in the new yearbook for Free Will Baptists were read by Miss Leah McGlohon. The following reports were then given and adopted by motion:

Report of Treasurer

Brought Forward March 8, 1975		$ 164.24
Amount Received		
Contributions to 1975 Convention	$120.00	
Convention Offering	61.15	
10 Percent of Weekly Offerings	164.12	
Cragmont Project--Building Fund	503.32	
Total Received		848.59
Total for Which to Account		$1,012.83
Disbursements		
Best-all-around Camper and Sword Drill Winners	$180.00	
Cragmont Assembly--Building Fund	500.00	
Executive Mileage Expense	16.80	
Secretarial Expense	9.43	
Total Disbursements		706.23
Balance on Hand March 13, 1976		$ 306.60

Leah McGlohon, Treasurer

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 15, 1977

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues met at the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina, on Saturday, January 15, 1977, at 10:00 a.m. Only three members were present: the Reverend Jack Mayo, president; Leah McGlohon, treasurer; and Alice Lynn Hines, corresponding secretary. Leah prayed the opening prayer.

Since so few were present, the main item of business was to plan the program for the 1977 convention to meet at Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church on March 12. "God's Perfect Number Doubles in '77" was selected as the convention, with Psalm 90:12 as the Scripture. To go along with the theme, it was decided to use "The Number Song" with emphasis on verse seven.

The president stated that he would be unable to go to the Christian Cadet Conference at Cragmont this summer, but that the Reverend Raymond Jones was willing to direct the conference again this year. A motion was passed to ask him to direct the conference with the understanding that he would have to keep within money received from campers because the convention did not have the money to pay any deficit expense.

Jack Mayo gave the benediction.

Jack Mayo, President
Leah McGlohon, Secretary Pro Tem

MINUTES OF

THE

NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUES

March 12, 1977

The North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues met with the Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Fountain, North Carolina, on Saturday, March 12, 1977, at 10:00 a.m. The Reverend Jack Mayo presided.

"God's Perfect Number Doubles in '77," based on the Scripture, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:12), was the program theme. The theme song was verse seven of "The Number Song."

Opening the convention with chorus singing, Mrs Margaret Ard, director, introduced the theme song. Miss Marla Ard served as pianist. Mrs. Carolyn Mayo presented the devotional using Colossians 3:17, followed by prayer by Clyde Hines.

A young leaguer from Aspen Grove welcomed the convention. Responding was Randolph Harris of the Winterville Leagues.

President Mayo made a few remarks on the theme of the convention. In a brief business period he appointed the following committees:

Digest Committee--Alice Lynn Hines and Carolyn Mayo
Resolutions Committee--The Reverend Raymond Jones and Lloyd Jones Jr.
Nominating Committee--Clyde Hines and Albert Dobbs

Reporting on the Christian Cadet Conference last summer at Cragmont, Raymond Jones affirmed that, though the conference was smaller in number, it was one of the best yet. Commemorating the bicentennial of our country, the theme of the conference was "Let Freedom Ring."

Another period of chorus singing followed. Then the Sword Drill for juniors and intermediates was held. In the absense of Mrs. Judy Conner, a young lady from Christian Chapel Church directed the drill. Since there were only three contestants, all three were winners as follows: Sheila Metts, first place, and Janet Metts, second place, in the junior division; and Lorie Metts, winner in the intermediate division. All were from Christian Chapel Church.

Reports and announcements from denominational enterprises were given. Douglas Skinner, manager of Cragmont Assembly, gave a progress report on the demolition of the old main building and the plans for the new building. Diane Riley spoke for Mount Olive College and announced High School Day to be held on March 22. Ronnie Hobgood announced the Music Festival to be held at Eagle's Nest Conference Center on May 7. Sheryl Eason urged

the youth to attend the State Youth Convention to be held on Saturday, April 23, at Daniel's Chapel Church.

Mrs. Ard led the group in singing "Glory Hallelujah Jubilee." A business period followed.

The minutes were read and approved, after which the following reports were given and adopted by motion:

Report of Treasurer

Balance Brought Forward March 13, 1976		$ 306.60
Amount Received		
At Convention		
Contributions from Leagues	$ 95.00	
Convention Offering	33.85	
10% of Weekly Offerings	18.75	
Cragmont Project	665.00	
Total Received at Convention	$812.60	
Since Convention		
10% of Weekly Offerings	$ 56.70	
Cragmont Project	105.57	
Total Received Since Convention	$162.27	
Total Received		974.87
Total for Which to Account		$1,281.47
Disbursements		
Best-All-Around Camper and Sword Drill Winners	$200.00	
Cragmont Assembly--Building Fund	714.39	
Deficit of Christian Cadet Conference at Cragmont	205.75	
Free Will Baptist Press for Yearbook	31.20	
Secretarial Expense	4.67	
Total Disbursements		1,156.01
Balance on Hand March 12, 1977		$ 125.46
Balance in General Fund	$65.96	
Balance in Cragmont Project	59.50	
	$125.46	

Leah McGlohon, Treasurer

Report of Digest Committee

Number registered - 62	
Number of ministers present - 7	
Number of leagues reporting - 10	
Number of churches present - 13	
Amount received at convention:	
Contributions	$145.00
10% of Weekly Offerings	33.80
State Project (Cragmont)	332.00
Convention Offering	42.05
Total received	$812.60
Certificates awarded to:	
Story Hour - Sarecta	
Junior - Mt. Zion, Roper	
Teenage - Mt. Zion	

Adult - Sarecta

By Committee:
Alice Lynn Hines, Chairman
Mrs. Carolyn Mayo

Report of Resolutions Committee

1. Whereas the Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church has so graciously entertained this, the 1977 session of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues, it is hereby recommended that a rising vote of appreciation be extended to this church congregation and its pastor.

2. Whereas the officers and participants of this convention have served so faithfully and well, it is hereby recommended that a rising vote of appreciation be extended.

3. Whereas the director and staff of the Christian Cadet Conferences have been of a tremendous value and an asset to this convention, it is hereby recommended that a rising vote of appreciation be extended.

4. Whereas the Free Will Baptist Press and its staff have supplied this convention with its literature, it is hereby recommended that the Executive Committee draft and send a letter of appreciation to the Manger and Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Press.

5. Whereas the declining interest and support on the state level has reached the point of causing thisconvention to be virtually unable to function as a state body, and also due to the discontinuance of the writers of our literature because of finances, it is hereby recommended that a study committee be appointed to study, ascertain, and investigate the future possibilities of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues as to what action should be and is possible to be taken.

This recommendation is submitted in conjunction with the Nominating Committee with the prayerful request that all leaguers earnestly pray for the Lord's will to be done in reaching the final recommendation.

By Committee:
Raymond Jones, Chairman
Lloyd Jones Jr.

The resolutions were taken one at a time. The first three were adopted by standing. The last two were passed by motions.

The Reverend Bruce Barrow moved that in Resolution No. 5 the Executive Committee be the committee and that they give a progress report. The Reverend Raymond Jones moved that the committee be enlarged to include others. The motion as amended passed. It was suggested that a representative from each general league be included, but it was left up to the Executive Committee.

Clyde Hines, chairman of the Nominating Committee, moved that in the light of Resolution No. 5 that the same officers be elected to serve for the next year. Leah McGlohon pointed out that Mollie Tart, member-at-large, did not wish to serve and that the recording secretary had been unable to serve. She volunteered to serve as recording secretary also for the next year.

The following officers were thus elected by motion: President, the Reverend Jack Mayo; vice-president, Lloyd Jones Jr.,; recording secretary, Miss Leah McGlohon; member-at-large, vacant; promotional secretary, Mrs. Judy Conner; representative to Cragmont, Clyde Hines, 1980.

A short singspiration followed. A trio from Christian Chapel Church sang two songs, including "The Joy of Knowing Jesus." The Aspen Grove Youth Choir sang "Greater Is He That Is in Me" and "I've Been Changed."

During the worship service an offering was received, after which the Reverend Willis Wilson brought the message. Using Romans 12:1, 2, he spoke on "Keys and Keyholes."

After the message two items of business that had been overlooked were taken up. An invitation to Mt. Zion Church at Roper for the next convention was accepted by motion. Leah announced that it had been suggested that we offer to Mount Olive College the four-seasons pictures of Cragmont Assembly that the convention had received for giving $1,000. Randolph Harris moved that we do so. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. with the singing of the League song, "Onward Christian Leaguers." The Reverend Bobby Futrell gave the benediction and returned thanks for the lunch served by the host church.

The Reverend Jack Mayo, President
Leah McGlohon, Secretary Pro Tem

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

November 16, 1977

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists met at the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, November 5, 1977, at 10:00 a.m. to consider the resolution which was passed at the March meeting. Three members of the committee were present: the Reverend Jack Mayo, president; Lloyd Jones Jr., vice-president; and Leah McGlohon, recording secretary and treasurer.

Others present included the following: Mrs. Lloyd Jones Jr. and Jayne Jones, Mount Zion Church; Mrs. Margaret Ard, Christian Chapel Church; Clyde Hines and Bobby Futrell, Winterville Church; Mrs. Hattie Bright and husband, White Oak Church; and Bobby Taylor, Bethany Church.

The president called the meeting to order and read Psalm 57:1-2. The Reverend Bobby Futrell led in prayer.

Mr. Mayo read the resolution from the minutes of the March meeting and gave a summary of the result of a survey of various people to whom he had talked. There are a few strong leagues, some average leagues, and some poor ones. There are a lot of churches that do not have leagues. He had contacted the youth leaders about a possible merger with the state youth convention. He expressed the opinion of the Reverend David Hansley, who thinks it would be wrong to merge.

He then opened the meeting for discussion. Mrs. Margaret Ard expressed an interest in retaining the literature program. She wanted to be sure that we have some literature. Mr. Mayo stated that there was a misunderstanding about the literature, that the Press will not secure new writers, but will recycle and edit old program materials eliminating out-of-date material.

Mrs. Ard feels that we should operate with what we have financially as a convention, and that as long as we have leagues we should have a state meeting. She pointed out that leaders are not going to come out of the majority but from the minority.

Lloyd Jones reported that there is a church in the Albemarle Conference that has never had a league that is interested. He expressed the idea that maybe we have peaked out at the bottom and will start improving.

From the discussions the following recommendations will be made to the State Convention next March:

1. To try to organize new leagues.
2. To make the Christian Cadet Conference self-supporting.
3. To raise the registration fee to $10.
4. To operate the State Convention within its finances.
5. To promote League regularly through "The Free Will Baptist."

Clyde Hines gave the benediction.

After the adjournment of the main meeting, the three offices present met and elected the Reverend Bobby Taylor as the director of the 1978 Christian Cadets Conference at Cragmont.

Jack Mayo, President
Leah McGlohon, Recording Secretary

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